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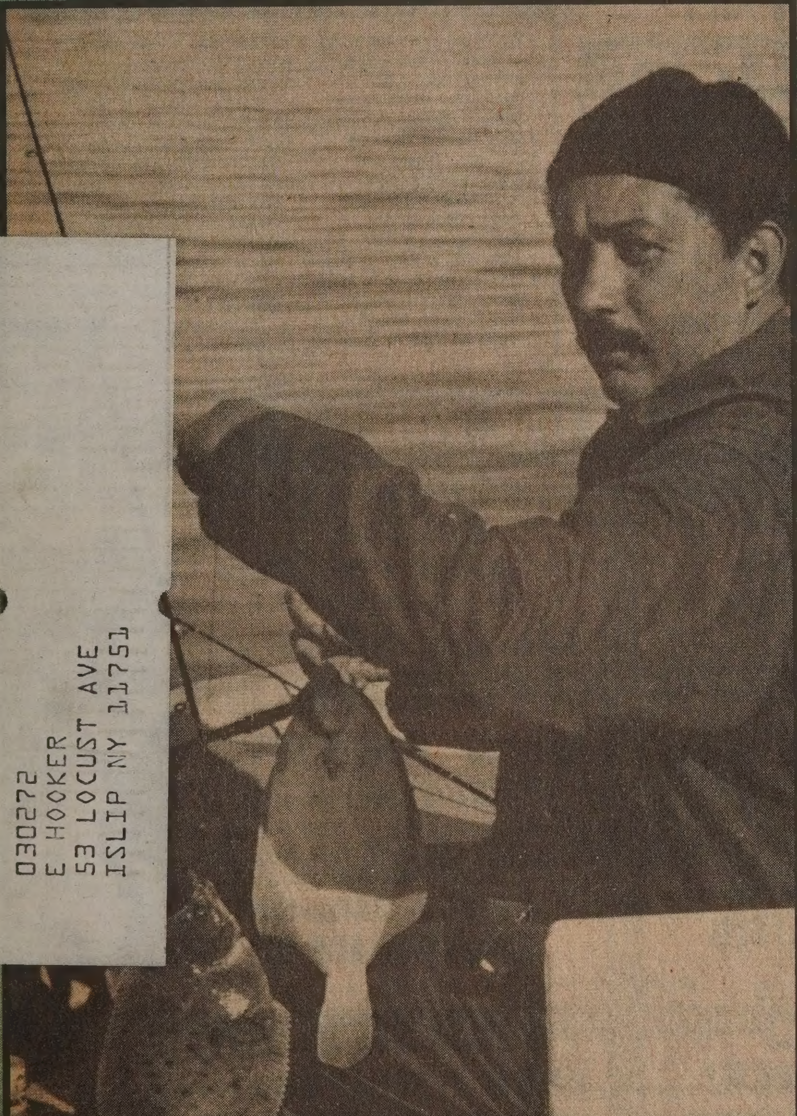

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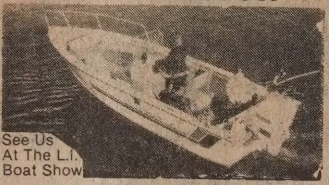

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KIWANIS EYE SOS MEETING

The Kiwanis Club of Massapequa will devote their entire April 11th meeting to the problem of the dwindling striped bass fishery in Long Island waters.

Robert H. Buss, President of SOS (Save Our Stripers) will be the featured Speaker. Other Speakers will include N.Y. State Assemblyman Philip B. Healey and Patrick Halpin and State Senators Norman J. Levy and Owen H. Johnson.

Anyone interested in attending the SOS meeting should call Kiwanis Program Chairman John H. Meyer at (516) 541-5562 for more information.

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SELDEN/CORAM LIONS CLUB HOLDING PRIZE RAFFLE

In an attempt to raise funds, the Selden/Coram Lions Club is holding a raffle. The prize is a half-day chartered boating trip out of Montauk. The boat is the Venture II. The winner of the raffle will be able to take five additional guests on the boat. The chance costs $10 and a limited number of tickets are being offered. The trip is planned for July 19, 1984. The winner will be picked on May 15, 1984.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a check payable to Selden/Coram Lions Club, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope and phone number to: Tickets, 9 Cammann Rd., Coram, NY 11727.

EAGLE CLAW INTRODUCES NEW CIRCLE HOOK

Ed Langfield, Chief Executive Officer of Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle in Denver, Colorado, has announced that new circle hook is available to the commercial fishing industry.

Circle hooks are believed to be vastly superior to conventional ones for catching halibut and other bottom fish.

The National Marine Fishermen's Service is using a mini-sub to study them in action and preliminary results indicate a 50 percent increase in the fish harvest.

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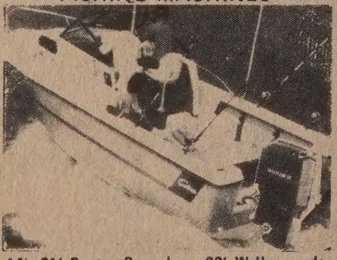

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CONFUSION ON BYLINES

Some of our sharper readers may have already picked up on it, but it should be noted that there was a mixup on bylines back in Issue #11. While the Table of Contents was correct, the article bylines were identified as "A Bait For All Seasons" by Lou Mauriello and "Plot A Course To Better Fishing" by Dick Mermon. Mermon should have received credit for "A Bait for All Seasons" and Mauriello for "Plot a Course to Better Fishing."

PRICES WILL VARY ON TRAILERABLE OFFSHORE BOATS

In reference to the prices quoted in the article, "Choosing a Trailerable Offshore Boat," Vol. 19, #8. These figures were an average or ballpark figure based on prices quoted by an assortment of dealers in the Long Island/Metropolitan Area.

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Contest entries can be true, partly true or completely fictitious. The stories should be entertaining and humorous, tending toward the ironic or absurd. Tall Tale entries should be the equivalent of two to three typed pages, double-spaced. They need not be typed as long as they are written legibly.

Each participating publication or broadcast outlet will submit one entry—the best—to DuPont for consideration as the best Tall Tale in the country. No entries from individuals will be accepted.

The editorial staff of The Fisherman will select the top five entries according to the above criteria with the first place selection to be entered in the national competition.

Each of the five Tall Tale Fish Story Contest winners will receive a "Stren Fishing Fun Kit," courtesy of the DuPont Company. The kit contains two baseball-style fishing caps, two distinctive winner's patches, two Stren Pro Fishing Team luggage tags, a winner's certificate suitable for framing, and a variety of fishing literature including a handy guide to better knot tying. Last, but not least, there are three 250-yard reel fill packs of best-selling DuPont Stren fishing line in three colors for all fishing situations: Clear Blue Fluorescent, Golden and new Clear. The Stren Fishing Fun Kit is all packed in a handsome duffle bag made from DuPont Cordura nylon, the toughest fabric made for outdoor use. Approximate retail value of the kit is $62.

All national entries will be judged by *Roland Martin*, current all-time money winner on the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) professional fishing circuit, author and host of "Fishing with Roland Martin" TV show; and *Bill Dance*, retired B.A.S.S. tournament fishing circuit champion, author and host of "Bill Dance Outdoors" TV show; and *a celebrity judge* to be named later. Judging will take place the last two weeks in May and a winner will be named the first week of June.

The one national winner will be awarded a "fishing trip of a lifetime," a three-day, all-expense-paid fishing trip with Roland Martin OR Bill Dance anywhere in the continental United States. The trip must be completed by December 31, 1984. Nine runners-up will also be awarded prizes to be announced later.

Only three restrictions apply: 1) Entrants must be residents of the United States, 2) employees of participating media and their families should not enter themselves, 3) employees of the DuPont Company and their families are ineligible. All national entries become property of the DuPont Company.

Entries should be addressed to: Tall Tale Contest, The Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Bridge St., Sag Harbor, N.Y. 11963. They must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1984. The five local winners will be announced by May 15 and the first place entry will appear in a future issue of The Fisherman.

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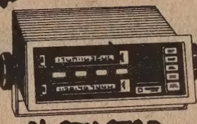

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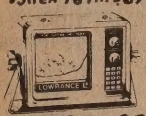

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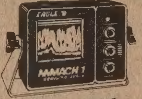

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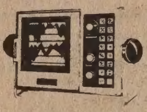

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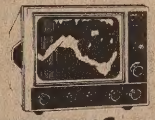

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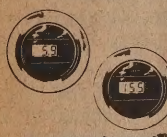

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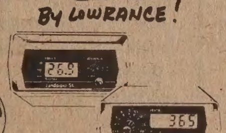

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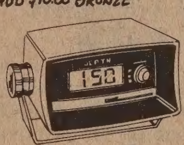

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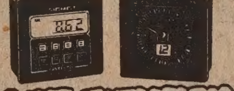

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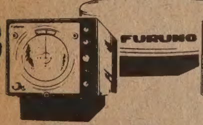

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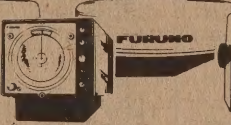

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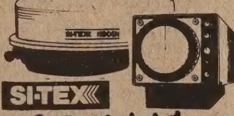

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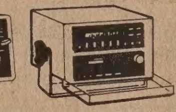

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT?

by William A. Muller

Seems like everyone wants to know more about what the states are doing to manage striped bass. The letters from readers pour in and so do the news releases from all quarters. We thought this to be an opportune time to review recent events and current status.

Federal Striper Bill introduced. Rhode Island Republican Congresswoman Claudine Scheider introduced, recently, a bill in Congress that will establish a three-year moratorium on catching striped bass up and down the coast. According to published reports, her bill will gain support from Stripers Unlimited and Save Our Stripers. The Congresswoman offered three main reasons for the bill. First, she referred to scientific evidence that there is a virtual absence of four to eleven-year-old female bass on the spawning grounds, and scientists say it is these females that produce about 75 percent of the eggs during a spawning. Second, she pointed out at a recent press conference that a recent Rhode Island regulation creating a moratorium in Rhode Island is unfair to her state's recreational and commercial fishermen. Third, she cited an opinion of Dr. John Boreman, noted fisheries biologist, that the striped bass is endangered as a usable resource.

Critics Take Aim at Cape Cod Derby. People in Massachusetts seem to be lining up in that state with differing points of view on the practices of the Cape Cod Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby. Several letters were printed in the Vineyard Gazette during February, 1984 that indicate a growing awareness concerning striped bass conservation. Several fisheries managers have called for limitations on striped bass tournaments, but proponents of the status quo argue that few bass are involved. For example, in 1983 only 242 bass were entered. Opponents argue that it isn't so much the size of the kill, but the symbolism embodied in such tournaments. These people believe sportsmen should set a clear conservation example, especially in the arena of high profile and high visibility tournaments. Others have suggested that the tournaments need not be scrapped. Instead, they suggest catch and release rules on the honor system. The concept of catch and release rules for contests and tournaments is growing—witness new policy changes for some shark tournaments. In addition, this year participants in the New York Surf Fishing Contest voted to amend pre-existing rules that would allow striped bass, eligible for largest fish of the year trophy, to be weighed on the beach and released. The rule does call for a witness.

In Maryland. Did you know that the striped bass is the official state fish in Maryland? And did you know that striped bass harvests in Maryland have declined from five million pounds in 1970 to about 200,000 pounds in 1983? Clearly, the striped bass is a very important marine resource for the people of Maryland. Of course, striped bass are totally and intimately connected to the Chesapeake Bay, too. With these ideas as a backdrop, the significance of the following items takes on a sharp focus.

Recently Democratic State Senator of Maryland Gerald Winegard (with help from fellow Sen. Norman Stone) introduced legislation to the Chamber of Delegates that would establish a ban on the catching of striped bass (rockfish) in Maryland waters. Opponents of the Winegard Bill argue that the economic impact on Maryland's watermen (virtually similar to our baymen) would be negative and signifcant. Winegard counters that in 1982 only 22 out of 1,800 watermen caught and marketed bass worth $8450 or more. Winegard said that: "It would be better for the state to subsidize these 22 watermen [in order to] save the resource."

Concern for the negative economic impact of striped bass management has been a widespread argument and commercial fishermen have argued the point in a number of states from Rhode Island to New York to New Jersey and Maryland.

The Maryland State Department of Natural Resources countered both the Winegard proposal and watermen arguments with an alternative set of proposals. Dr. Brown, Secretary of the DNR, indicated the department would take a number of steps toward striped bass management. These are: new catch restrictions, a striped bass hatchery, increased enforcement of existing laws, a shortened season (ban in August and September), and the development of a comprehensive management plan for the long range future of the striped bass.

Meanwhile Maryland Governor Harry R. Hughes publicly indicated his support for the concept of a striped bass hatchery. He told the press that his 1985 budget includes a $250,000 allocation for the design of a bass hatchery. He also indicated that the completed hatchery would cost the state about $5.1 million. In addition, he told reporters, since the vitality of the Chesapeake Bay is linked so closely with the health of a variety of marine finfish and shellfish industries, he plans to budget $16 million for Bay restoration.

Maryland has also proposed another novel approach to Bay cleanup and striped bass awareness. State Legislator Thomas has proposed an **Adopt A Rockfish Program.** A person could adopt a bass, receive either a certificate or a bumper sticker and the funds would be used to support Governor Hughes' proposed bass hatchery. Thomas feels the campaign would also educate Marylanders about the importance of a cleanup in the Chesapeake Bay.

The last innovative approach to the bass problem also comes from Maryland. Legislation has been introduced into the Maryland House of Delegates that would allow Marylanders to contribute to Chesapeake Bay cleanup via a check-off on their state income tax returns.

In Massachusetts. Interest in striped bass is also keen in Massachusetts as witnessed by the public statements of Congressman Gerry Studds and Senator Edward Kennedy. Both said they were waiting for the anticipated Federal study on striped bass (now already released) and they indicated that if the report was as dismal about the vitality of striped bass stocks as advanced reports have indicated, that they would introduce Federal legislation to protect striped bass. In Massachusetts, net fishing for bass is already banned.

National Environmental Groups. Until recently, only specific interest groups and local legislators have been intense about striped bass management. It would appear that the 1983 controversies in New York and Rhode Island has raised the consciousness of many from diverse backgrounds. For example, consider a recent newspaper report that indicated that The National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Friends of the Earth are all seriously considering adopting a nationwide campaign to enact laws that would protect the striped bass. The interest of these groups suggests that the importance of our marine resources transcends the traditional recreational and commercial interest groups.

The Federal Study. The long-awaited Federal study on striped bass was released in February, 1984. The study cost $4.9 million. The conclusions of the study are ominous. The records show a 90 percent decline in striped bass landings since 1983, and the document's writers call the current situation very serious. Proposals for a further 55 percent reduction in mortality in the waters of all affected states have been made by some experts.

In New Jersey. Governor Thomas Keen signed into law a striped bass bill on January 20, 1984. Some consider the new law another landmark in the coastal effort to conserve striped bass. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Joseph A. Palaia. The new law provides that only hook and line or "goggle" methods may be used to harvest striped bass. Further, harvesters are restricted to 10 bass per day, all but four of which must be 24 inches or over. The four must be between 18 and 24 inches. There is an additional seasonal restriction which prohibits the taking of striped bass between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28 of each year. In his statement coincident to signing the bill into law, Governor Keen indicated his belief in the importance of meaningful striped bass management.

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by John Fritz

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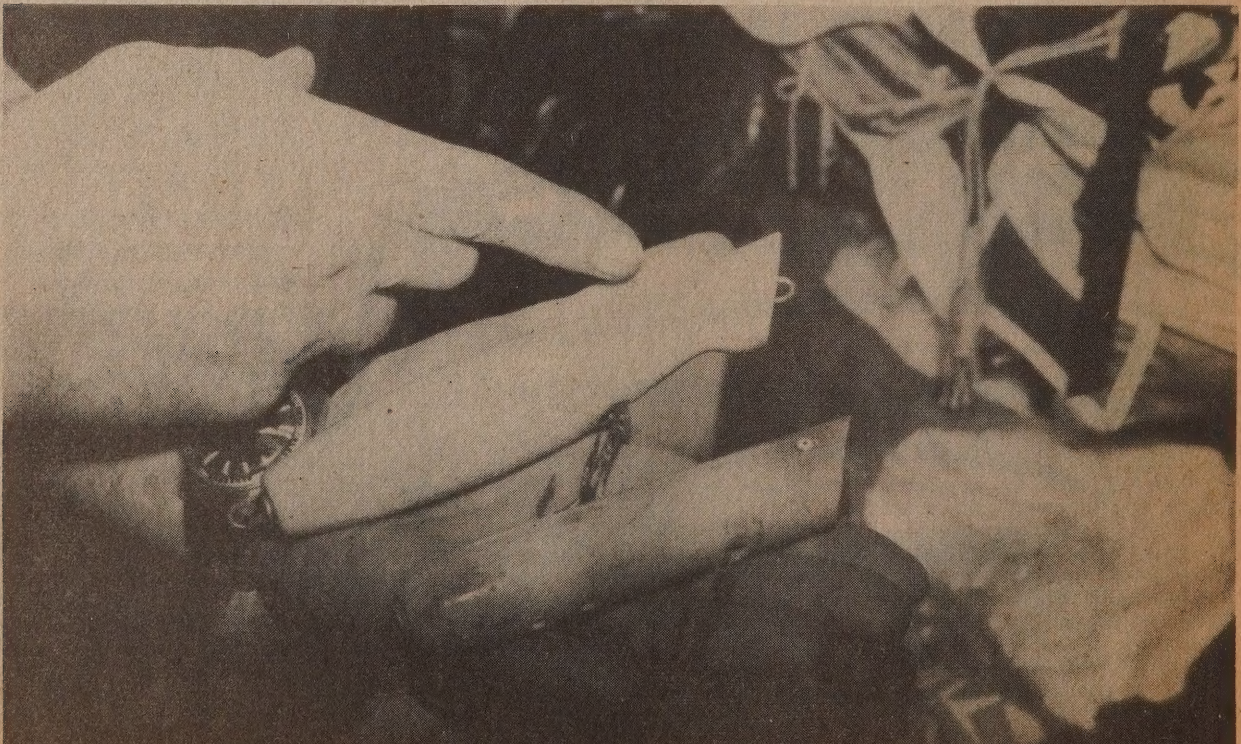
No lure, among the infinite variety of gadgets jammed into the limited compartments of a plug bag, can produce the reponse generated by a popping plug. With the vast majority of artificial lures, a strike can only be detected after the feel of the hit is relayed to the angler through the line. In addition, on calm, quiet nights, the strike created by a properly worked surface swimming plug can be heard as well as felt. The popping plug, on the other hand, being basically a top water daytime lure, allows the fisherman to see the actual strike—an attribute which frequently has the angler trying to set the hook before the hit is felt. Such impatience usually results in a failure to hook the fish, which can be both exhilarating and frustrating at the same time, as an enthusiastic fish smashes the plug time after time, without impaling itself on one of the numerous hook points swinging dangerously close to its jaw.

The classic shape of a popper resembles little more than a section of dowel, rounded at one end with a concave face at the other. A plug, similar to the Striper Swiper, is probably one of the first artificial lures to be acquired by a neophyte surfcaster. While this shape of plug remains at the top of the list of lures classified as poppers, knowledgeable surfmen are aware that there are several closely related designs intended to use under specific conditions.

The Polaris and the Pencil Popper are two major designs, but there are several oddly-shaped lures for use in specific situations, which because of their shape, can be skipped across the water's surface. The Rabbit and the Ballerina are designed for just that purpose, but this past season has shown that the latest dynamite lure to be resurrected from the past, the Needlefish Plug, will take fish in this manner also.

The basic and often the most productive retrieve given to a popping plug is the rhythmic, interrupted splashing caused by a repeated, rapid pumping of the rod tip. This simple retrieve is easiest to achieve, when the water is fairly calm, there are no strong adverse winds to contend with and it is not necessary to work the plug as it is carried towards the caster by a strong current. Although there are times when fish can be taken while reeling at an exceptionally fast rate, a moderate retrieve will most often produce the best results. Since it is imperative to maintain a taut line, so that the plug can be given the proper action, with the least amount of effort, the method of retrieve and the type of plug chosen, can vary according to circumstances. For



The author points to one of the surf fisherman's favorite poppers—the Polaris. Photo Wm. Muller.

instance, a strong cross wind will create a large belly in the line, which will make it almost impossible to keep the necessary tight link between the angler and the lure. Under normal conditions, the familiar jerking and lowering of the rod tip, accompanied by a steady, moderate turning of the reel handle, will ensure success. Such a technique is often the first to be tried by veteran anglers searching out new waters. As with any type of fishing even this proven method must be modified occasionally, to generate interest in hesitant game fish. Such possibilities could include a series of splashes, followed by a pause, with the strike often occurring while the plug lies motionless in the water. It could be that the plug may be travelling too fast; a slower rate of speed might be the answer. Bluefish, on the other hand, are often turned on by a lure which is literally skipping across the surface. This accounts for the popularity of a type of plug, commonly referred to as a Ballistic. The shape of these plugs, with their weighted bulging base, is ideally suited to reach that outer bar, when an onshore wind is doing its best to put the fish beyond the surfman's reach. Designed with a single, treble, tail hook, they are not really classified as a true popping plug, but they are an excellent lure when bluefish are feeding near the surface.

These few thoughts, on alternate retrieves, are just a few of the options which can be tried under average fishing conditions, if the fish are not cooperative. It seems that on most occasions when fish are willing, Mother Nature conspires to make things difficult by sending us a horrible surf or a fierce wind. On such occasions the standard two ounce popper is rendered practically useless, for it can't be cast into productive waters and if it does, it is difficult to work properly. Obviously, more weight is needed and Atom fills the bill, with three and four ounce models of their Striper Swiper. Many veteran surfmen prefer to choose the Polaris style popping plug, for it casts better under adverse conditions. With the weight centered in the bulbous, rear portion, this plug invariably sails true with little distance reducing flip-flop.

Now we have a lure out where the fish are feeding, but we still can't seem to hook a fish. The plug is either caught by the furious crosswind and swept down the beach, or its feeble splash is lost in a sea of white water. In either instance, it is beneficial to lay the rod to the side, parallel to the sand, and sweep the tip backward, rather than persist with the normal perpendicular raising and lowering of the rod. By holding the rod to the side, you will accomplish two objectives. The first will be to offer less line surface, to be caught by the crosswind, and thus reduce that frustrating wind loop. Less wind loop permits the angler to maintain a more taut link between him and his plug. With big wind loops the angler can see the fish repeatedly striking the plug, without being able to set the hook. When fishing in gale force winds, this dilemma is most aggravating, with no technique providing total respite. One should try to angle the cast more directly into the wind, and take up the slack before the line is caught by the sweeping surf. The second benefit, gained by sweeping the rod tip backward, is that the plug will produce a larger, more visible splash. The lengthened pause, while the angler hurriedly reels the tip forward to take up the slack, permits the plug to lie motionless in the water. Now it can be seized more easily by the predator, which has been attracted by the more discernible surface commotion.

On some occasions, it might be difficult to raise a fish when the popper is yanked rapidly across the water. It is still desirable to impart all that important surface disturbance, but at a much slower rate of speed. for just such occasions, some clever surfman of the past developed the Pencil Popper. Although this plug will often take fish when worked as a standard popper, its intended action requires a rather drastic method of retrieve. The size of the concave nose is much smaller than other popping plugs, which should indicate that it is not intended to spray as it is dragged through the water. With all the weight concentrated in the thicker tail section, this plug casts extremely well. The plug tends to rest in the water in an upright position, as if to sink tail first. After the plug has been cast and the slack taken out of the line, a slow (I mean slow) retrieve is begun to the accompaniment of a furious back and forth whipping of the rod tip. For many anglers, this exaggerated motion places a severe strain on the muscles. This can be alleviated somewhat by stretching the arm straight out and grasping the rod closer to the tip. Rather than letting

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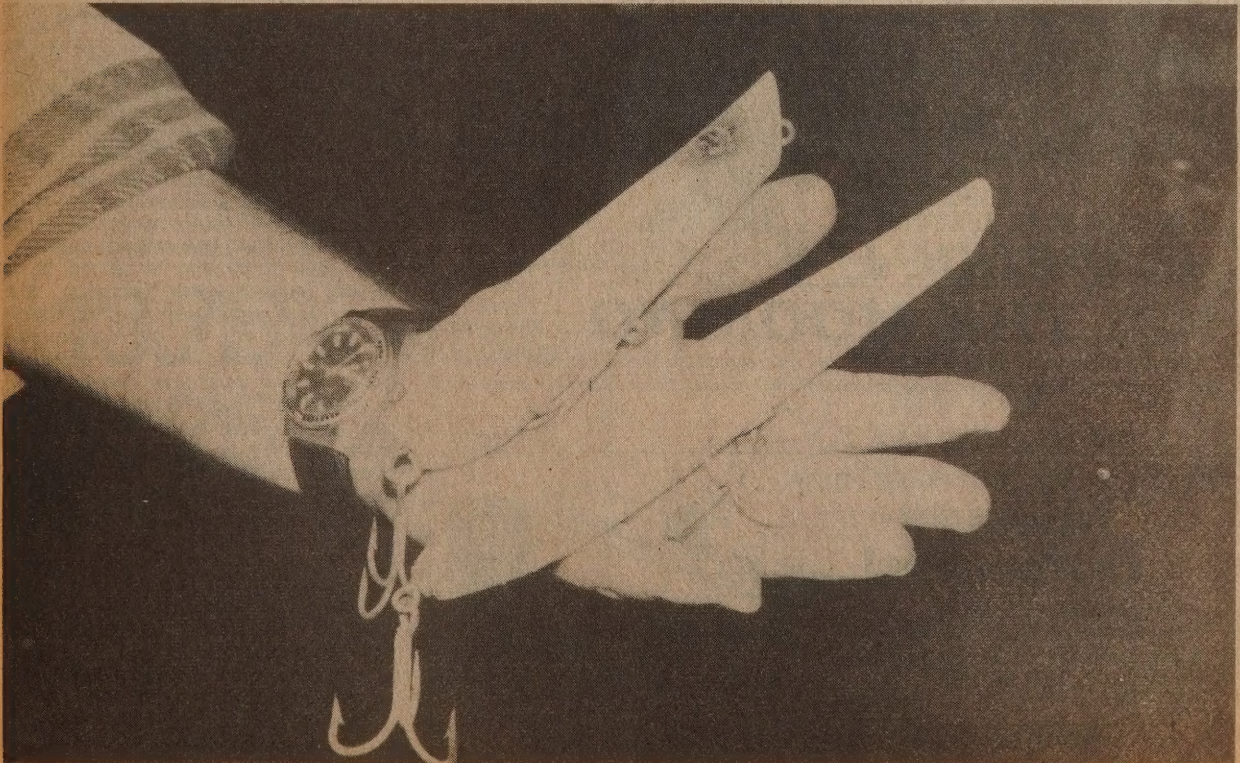

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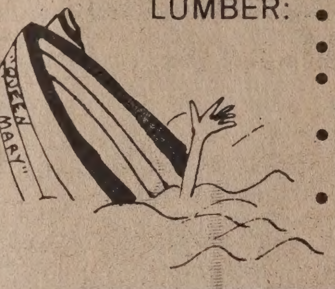

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the arm do all the work, keep the elbow locked and work the rod using the arm, the shoulder and the upper body. There is a tendency, because of the extra labor involved, to hurry the retrieve, don't give in, for the plug produces its best results if worked slowly all the way into the wash.

A surfman carrying a variety of standard daylight lures such as tins, poppers, and pencil poppers will be confronted with a complication which is not easily solved. The standard popper and/tin is best utilized when worked from a fairly stiff rod. The tip can be given a slight flick of the wrist and the plug will splash and gurgle the way it should. Now, when a pencil popper is placed on the end of the line, the stiffness of a rod will increase the effort needed to wiggle this plug through the water. On the other hand, a limber rod, which will augment the motion supplied by the angler, is the ideal rod for just such a plug.

Popping plugs are primarily daytime lures, but when dealing with Mother Nature there are no hard and fast rules. There have been many nights when a slowly worked popper has outfished the more commonly used nighttime lures. To be sure, these times are the exception, but they do occur, most often under a bright moon and in a calm surf.

Most predators are attracted to the workings of a popping plug because its action imitates a wounded baitfish struggling on the surface. In most cases, the accelerated retrieve plus the disruption of the water, will render a particular color unimportant. Even so, many surfmen prefer certain colors, believing that chrome or white will most often provide the best results. Blue poppers are favorites in early autumn, when snappers and mullet furnish a source of food to game fish preparing for migration. Some fastidious anglers consider yellow or fluorescent orange colored plugs to be best when the water is murky. The latter, seemingly providing excellent results when bluefish schools are the predominant species.

A new dimension is added to a fishing trip when the fish are cooperative and smashing poppers on the surface. All too often when an angler knows the fish are close at hand, he will invariably speed up his retrieve, hurrying to speed the plug's return to a spot fancied to offer a better chance of success. This frequently results in a lure being worked too fast to intercept the fish. When working a popper on surface feeding game fish, emotions run high and even veteran surfmen will do things completely out of character. Savor the opportunity to see normally cautious predators vault clear of the water in their eagerness to seize a suspected prey, for it occurs all too infrequently. An angler who can take part in this aspect of fishing, without feeling a sense of excitement, is missing a major ingredient in the makeup of a sport fisherman.

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HOW TO RELEASE STRIPED BASS

by Richard Colagiovanni

In the advent of a reduced daily bag limit many of us who love to pursue and catch stripers might be confronted with the need to catch, then release. For example, if a two to four fish daily bag limit is established, how does one continue to enjoy the catch part of striper fishing without serious injuring the released fish?

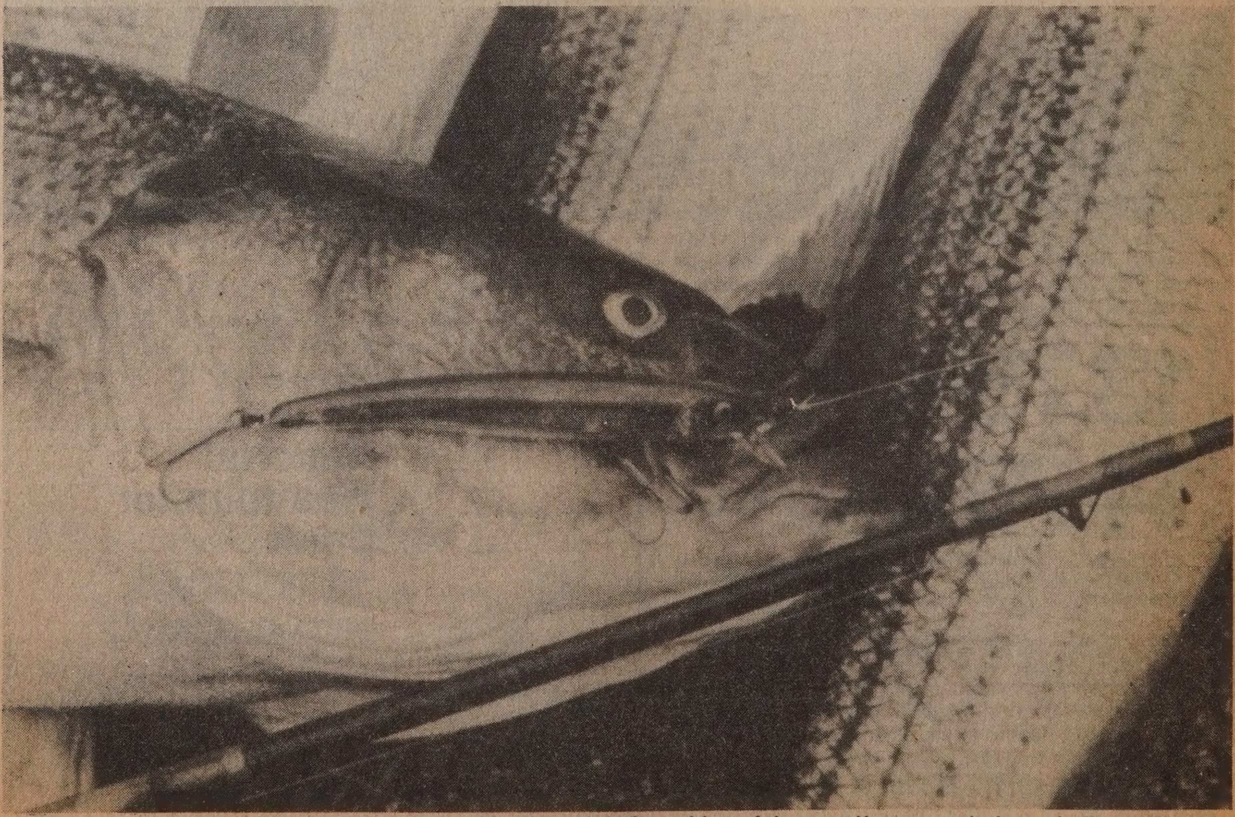
Several knowledgeable fishing enthusiasts have pointed out some basic guidelines that are easy to follow. In addition, the possible advent of a 100 percent closed fishery (if biologically acceptable), release would be mandatory under penalty of law. Releasing the fish in its best possible shape would be the responsibility of the fisherman.

Of first consideration is the rod and line utilized by the bass angler. A rather rapid subduing of the fish is essential to ensure adequate fish strength. Ultra light or lightweight tackle is frowned upon, as the extended fight that usually occurs results in a severely fatigued fish with a limited chance of recovery. Whether trolling or casting, a rod of sufficient backbone and resiliency is in order. Line strength is also a critical requirement, as reasonable amounts of pressure is needed to subdue the fish in a reasonable time. The maximum allowable line (lb. test) for a given fishing situation is called for.

Other equipment modifications are in order, the first being the change in the hooking arrangement of artificial lures. Let's start first with the common jigs used in the bass fishery. No Alibi's Smilin Bills, and the Upperman style. These jigs are of the singular hook construction, which easily lends them to a simple flattening or crimping of the hook barb with pliers. The larger jigs (1½ to 3 oz. sizes) are commonly used in the wire line rip fisheries for medium and jumbo bass, with the smaller sizes (5/16 to 1¼ oz.) conquering the schoolies. In 95 percent of release situations, this jig facilitates a quick release. It is also worth noting, with a barbless hook, constant line pressure is required during the fight or the hook will shake free.

Tin squid are another lure in need of hook modification. Variations of squid, including Acme's Kastmasters, Hopkins No-Equals are examples of this type. If treble equipped, change it to a larger single hook style, with or without bucktail and crimp down the hook barb.

Multihooked plugs of the popping and swimming configuration offer yet another plan of action. Popular bass plugs, including the Rebel, RedFin, Atom Swimmer and a variety of Gibbs plugs are factory equipped with numerous treble hooks. The conscientious release angler removes the hooks, and replaces 'em with one or two single point hooks with the barb crimped. The action on the plug is usually not adversely affected, with slight eyelet and swimming lip



The legality and morality of striper catches like this might be a thing of the past if new regulations similar to those enacted in Rhode Island take hold in other states.

adjustment necessary at times.

Many anglers equate a release fishery with the exclusive use of artificial lures, but this is not so. Live and fresh dead baits are acceptable means of capture if certain terminal tackle changes are followed.

First on the bait agenda is the substitution of the commonly used stainless and plated (usually non-rusting or corrosive) with so-called bronze hooks. The objective here is that the stainless and plated are virtually indestructible, and if swallowed or hooked deep in the mouth of a bass, they won't rust away. On the other hand, bronzed ones react with the fish's digestive enzymes and/or saltwater.

In a release situation, fishing with live bait such as alewives, mackerel, pogies, eels, demands constant attention. The procedure here is to set the hook as quickly as possible after a hit. The longer wait before setting the hook is frowned upon, as a lip or near lip hooked fish is desired to ensure minimum fish mortality. In the advent of a deeply hooked fish, cutting the leader at boatside (or surf-side) as close to the fish's mouth as possible is recommended.

If chunk baits are used (pogie, mackerel, etc.), the use of a slightly larger bait selection combined with virtually no drop-back or run, will usually result in a lip-hooked bass which lends itself to release.

The final release situation, whether at boatside, beach, or jetty, requires special techniques and equipment. The moderately whipped fish presents itself to the angler; now what? Minimum handling is crucial to the well being of the bass. In many instances, holding the leader with one hand will provide sufficient tension, allowing the free hand to unhook the conquered quarry. All the time the fish is in the water.

A fish hooked—either lure or bait—with the hook point penetrated between the inside lip and the entrance to the gullet presents the necessity for the use of an elongated hook remover or disgorger, such as the pistol gripped Baker Hook Out. A small hand gaff may be used to gain control by penetrating the hard fleshy area just behind the bass' lower lip, just like the pro guides do down in tarpon country.

Sometimes a released fish might need a little additional help. In the case of an exhausted fish, the fisherman should take a moment or two to hold the bass upright several inches below the water's surface, and gently slosh the fish back and forth. This will increase the oxygen flow over the gill area. When the fish shows recovery, your job is done.

If new regulations are enacted, the angler afflicted with bass fever would be able to continue his pursuit with certain equipment and technique modifications. All who pursue stripers for a variety of reasons have a responsibility. Imagine, for a moment, a world without striped bass.

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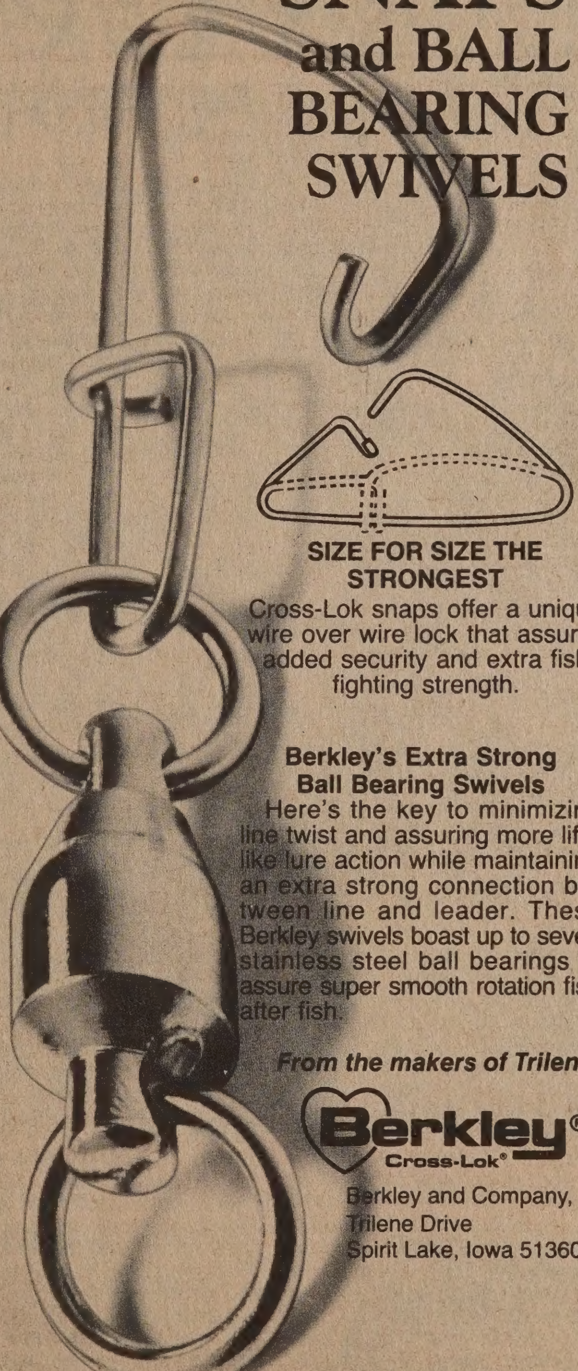

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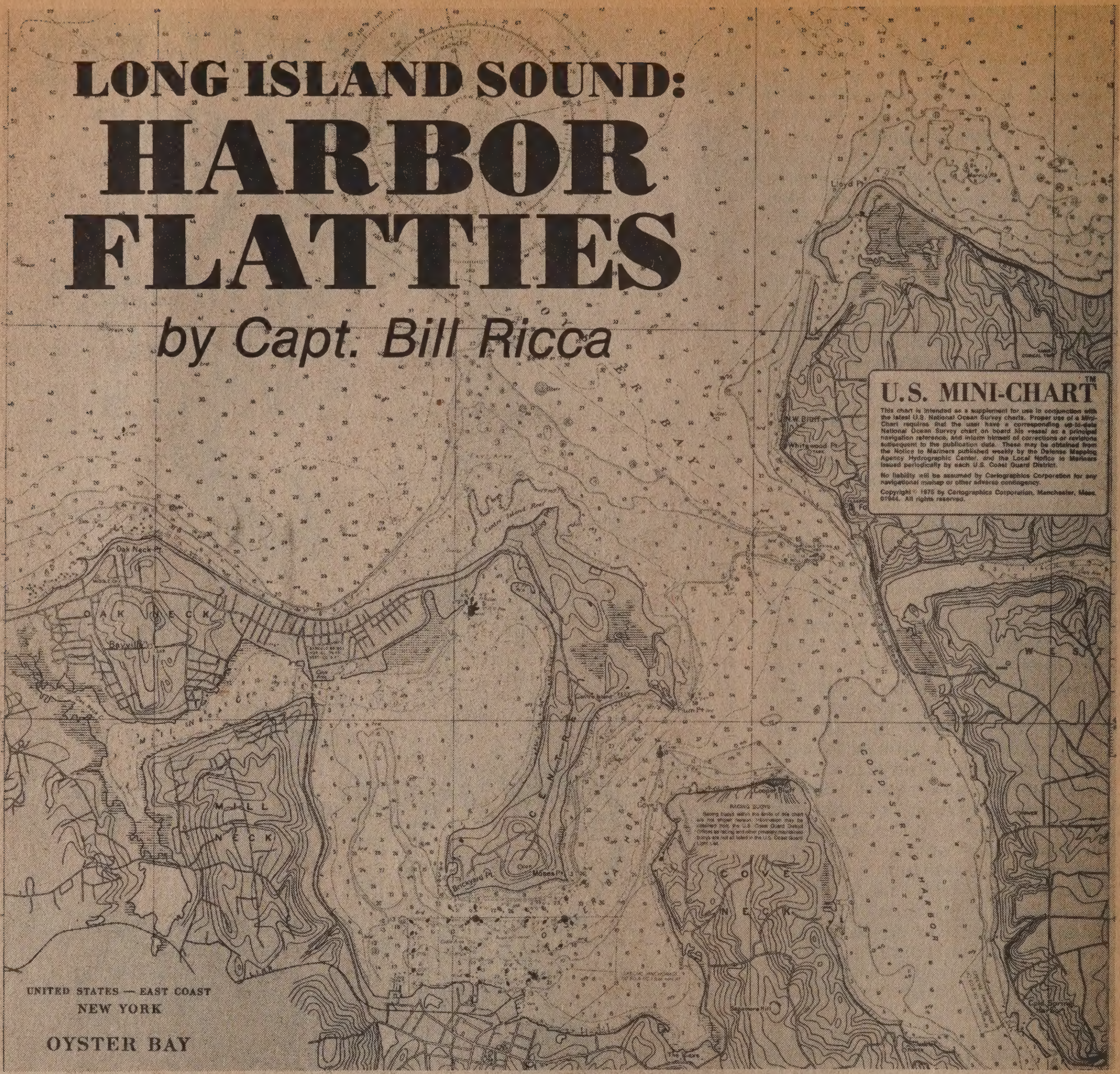

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Compared to their East End and south shore cousins, north shore flounder may be smaller, but what they lack in size, they make up for in numbers. I've had days on Great South Bay or out East at Gardiner's or Montauk, when the fishing was dead—simply put—a complete void! However, this is very rare on the north shore. The action inside the harbors is usually brisk, but you must allow for a lot of throwbacks.

Late March signals the beginning of the fishing in the western end of the Sound. Oyster Bay is usually a good area which produces some fine catches early. In fact, many of the City Island and Bronx party boats kick off their season here. Huntington Harbor, Northport Harbor and Duck Island all produce well early in the year and each of these areas have nearby launching ramps which can be used at this time of year, even by non-residents.

There are two methods used for fishing for flounder in this area. One is to anchor and chum; the other is to drift fish.

Early in the year, flounder will be found deep in the mud. They will be very lethargic and not move around much at all until the water warms. In this case, it is best to fish a likely-looking area by anchoring up and putting out some chum. Wait it out for awhile. If nothing happens, move on to the next location. Once fish are taken, keep the chum going. When the action stops, wait awhile and if it does not resume, move on again. The other method is to drift. Let the tide or wind push you along; in this way, you will be able to cover large areas. Once fish are found you can put over a marker and either make repeated drifts over the same area or you can drop your anchor over the side and chum. Keep in mind that in either case, the fish will not move too far when the water is cold. Your chum will attract fish from far greater distances in May as opposed to early April.

Baits used in this area are sand and blood worms, mussels and dyed skimmer clams. Worms and mussels can either be bought or dug locally. You can buy frozen dyed skimmers or dye your own if you prefer. All you need is one bottle of yellow food dye and one of red, a box of Kosher salt, half of a bushel of skimmers and two empty half-gallon milk containers. First step is to shuck the clams. Then separate the bellies (soft part) from the foot (hard part). Also scrape the lips from the shells and include them with the hard parts. Pour half of the foot and lip parts into each container. Stir in the yellow dye in one container and the red into the other. Stir well and add one-half of a handful of salt to each container, then stir again and let this stand overnight in a cool place such as your garage or even in your refrigerator. The next day, stir again and transfer portions of each milk container into small plastic containers such as those that you purchase margarine in. Each container should hold enough bait for two fishermen for a day, provided you have along some mussels and/or a few dozen worms. It is always best to have available a few different types of bait. When needed, these dyed clams are cut into bite sized baits. Remember that most of the flounder that you will be catching will be a pound or less, so keep your bait relatively small. Also, proportion your hooks, line and tackle to these small fish. Bait casting and light saltwater outfits are ideal for this sort of fishing.

The Penn 9MS, 930 or 940; Daiwa 27H or the Abu 6000 or 6500 reels spooled with 10 to 15 pound test are ideal. Match these with a light five to six foot rod and you are in business. Hooks that are widely used are the old standby, Chestertown size 9 or 10, or the new Mustad Gold #92695A, also in a 9 or 10. Sinkers will vary depending on depth and tide, but usually a one or two ounce sinker will do.

One of the single most important items on any flounder trip is chum. There are many types, but the two best are crushed bank mussels and ground up skimmer clams that are frozen. When chumming you do not want to over-feed the fish. Your intent should be just to attract them and bring them to your bait. Keeping this in mind, I advise your using a chum pot to get the chum to the bottom. The use of such a pot will serve to keep the chum right where you want it, that is, directly under the boat. These chum pots can be either homemade or purchased at most any good tackle shop. I recommend using a large size pot with small mesh wire. It enables you to leave the pot on the bottom longer enabling you to send out a continuous slick of chum for a longer period of time. The small mesh prevents the chum from being released too fast.

Mussels that are used for chum should be cracked but not mashed too much. This permits the juices to be released at a slow rate.

Clam chum should be frozen in quart or half-gallon milk containers. When transporting these containers to your boat, and once aboard, they should be kept in an ice chest or fish box in order to keep them frozen. Once ready to use simply tear off the top of the container and place it in your chum pot and lower it to the bottom.

If you fish in deep or fast moving water, it may be necessary to add extra weight to your chum pot by the addition of extra lead to the bottom of the pot or attaching a sash weight by means of a short length of rope to the pot. This extra weight will keep your pot in the right spot.

As I said, north shore flounder will be small with many throwbacks. Just remember that their supply is not limitless, so release as many of these small fish as you can. When doing so, gently remove them from your hook and carefully place them back into the water.

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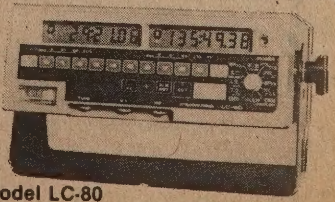

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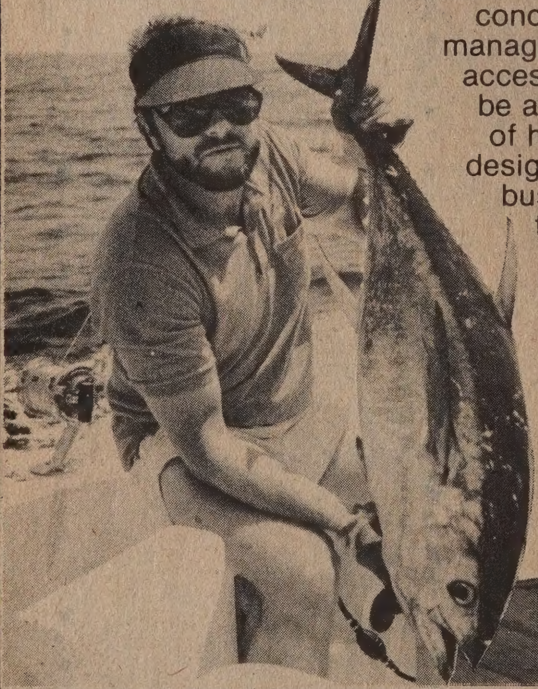

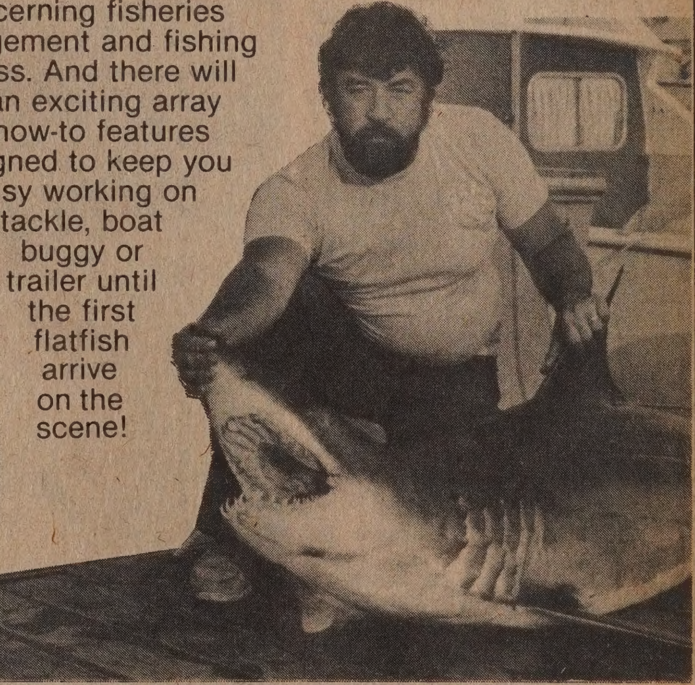

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MASTERING THOSE BULLDOGS

by Matt Ahern

I've made this statement numerous times before, and at the risk of becoming boring, I'll repeat it: The sinker bouncer who can consistently catch blackfish, is a bottom fisherman par excellence. He's the elite of the clan, and I respectively doff my fishing cap to him (or her).

Not only are these fishermen expert anglers, they become quite proficient in the art. This was proven to me one day while doing a little party boat codfishing on the old Ambrose Lightship Ridge.

Cod weren't too plentiful that day, but ling were. As anyone who has caught ling knows, they aren't difficult to hook. But one close-by fisherman was having the devil's own time hooking a fish which seemed smarter than the rest. The instant the frustrated angler's bait reached bottom, it would be cleaned from the hook in a twinkling; all of which caused this fisherman to comment that at last he'd found a clever ling.

His buddy was within earshot of the remark and immediately came over and watched. Down went the frustrated fisherman's rig. Two strong bites followed. There was a quick attempt to set the hook, but just as before, the results were nil. No hook-up. Nothing. Again the irritated fisherman reeled up baitless hooks.

"That's no ling, Joe," said his buddy. "That's a blackfish. You'll never catch it like that. Give me a crack at him; if I get him, he's yours. Okay?"

With that, the confident fisherman replaced the bottom hook of his rig with a #4 Virginia, added a narrow slice of skimmer and sent it to the bottom. This time, though, the bait wasn't stolen. No, indeed. I watched as that fisherman ignored the first few taps, but when the expected strong, solid tug bent the rod tip, the hook was driven home. Minutes later, up came one of the largest blackfish I'd seen to that time. It dock-weighed at eleven pounds.

The right tackle and proper technique helped bag this nice catch of blacks and their frequent companion, the sea bass.

Here was a classic example of a master fisherman in action; a fisherman who knew exactly what to do every step of the way. There was no luck involved, whatsoever; just acquired knowledge used to advantage.

It takes a skillful angler with the proper amount of finesse to become successful with these rough and tumble fish. The requirements to do this aren't difficult to learn; but they aren't mastered overnight, I assure you.

Because blackfish are rugged and powerful, strong tackle is necessary. Codfishing gear isn't required, but your rod must have plenty of backbone to set the hook in fairly deep water. If you fish bays and other shallow areas where light sinkers will get by, medium-weight spinning tackle will do; but for the deeper offshore grounds where heavier sinkers are needed, a medium-weight conventional boat rod is best.

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30 pound test good-quality monofilament. I prefer 20; I'll explain why later.

The correct way to rig separates the expert angler from the novice. Always! Whether one fishes for flounder, cod, porgies, fluke, blackfish, or what have you, there is a right way to do it.

This certainly seems like common sense, but it is amazing how many anglers will rig their lines without giving thought to the feeding habits of the fish they seek. For instance, I've seen flounder fishermen rigged with their lowest hook two feet off bottom—and quite annoyed because their efforts were in vain.

As with all bottom fishing, rigging for blackfish isn't difficult. There are several ways to accomplish this, each according to the type of bottom being fished. As blackfish are found around sunken wrecks, rock-studded bottom, old decaying piers, wharves, jetties, groins, and breakwaters, the fisherman has a choice of rigging, each choice depending upon how cluttered a particular spot may be.

For instance, when fishing blackfish in areas similar to, let's say, the 17 Fathom or Cholera Banks, areas where the bottom often consists of open patches between rocky formations, fishermen can use a two-hook, tandem-tied rig, with less danger of becoming hung-up as one would when wreck fishing. A tandem rig is always a good rig to use whenever possible. If one bait is stolen, there's another available which might do the trick. It saves much re-baiting between fish, too.

To tandem-tie, select two hooks and fold the snell of one at its middle, then pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. This second hook is then passed through the first fold, pulled tightly, and secured with a common overhand knot. Takes but seconds. Make a loop with a double-overhand knot about two inches above the sinker. Place your tandem rig in the loop, and that's it. Incidentally, use the same knot for making the end loop for your sinker. I'll tell you why, later.

Don't use this tandem rig when wreck fishing, however. When a blackfish is hooked, the first thing it does is pour on the steam and head for the worst part of the obstruction. That second hook is sure to snag.

Instead use the popular hi-lo rig. Tie one hook in about two inches above the sinker, and the second high enough to clear the first without fouling. Most blackfish will take the bottom hook, but occasionally one will find the other more appealing. If this happens, you will notice that these fish are almost always good-sized.

For really "sticky" areas, use a bottom hook only, and place it about six inches above the sinker. True, this will give less extension on bottom, but it will allow better control over the rig. Better control means less snagging.

I mentioned my choice of 20 pound test mono over the use of heavier stuff and promised to explain why. The reason isn't earth-shattering, but something I feel is only plain common sense—particularly if you fish the way I do.

As we know, blackfish are found around submerged wreckage and other littered bottom. And the worse these obstructions are, the better your change of hooking large fish. This also means that fishermen doing so can expect to get snagged more frequently than the guy fishing a "safe" spot. This is one of the fishing facts of life.

When snagging happens, I find the chances of freeing the rig are about one in five. Therefore, with the odds against salvaging your rig, it makes sense to use 20 pound test mono and waste no time breaking off once the situation appears hopeless. The idea is to spend your time fishing—not fuming over snagged rigs. As pool winners aren't caught on fouled rigs, doing this will pay in the end.

Twenty pound test mono is easily parted, but if you've ever attempted to break out tightly fouled 30 or 40 pound test mono, you know how difficult and time-consuming it can be. As the sinker is most likely to snag, some fishermen tie it to the line with a piece of weak cord; okay, I guess, if you don't mind spending the extra time needed to do it. I'd rather spend that time fishing.

I mentioned using double-overhand knots when making loops in the main line for rig attachment or sinker placement. I rarely recommend this particular knot because of its cutting action when under strain. But in this instance, there was a method to my madness. This time the cutting action can be made to work for the benefit of the fisherman. It enables him, in conjunction with 20 pound mono, to quickly break off the sinker or hook at the knot, without strain or pain, saving much time and quite often part of the rig.

Use no gadgets when making your rigs. Hardware quickly snags on the least obstruction. Experienced blackfishermen will tell you that if you're not hung-up occasionally, you're not fishing where the action is...true—but why go out of your way to do so?

Because the art of blackfishing is considered to be a specialized form of angling, some clever long-ago fisherman designed a unique hook to make it easier for his fellow anglers. I don't know to what lengths this unknown gentleman went to, but I do know he came up with the perfect hook for old chisel-tooth.

This hook, called the Virginia, is extra strong, with a short-biting, offset hollow point and barb. It is the hook to use whenever possible. These hooks are available in well-stocked tackle shops, and you should have no probem finding them. Use size four or five in deeper, offshore waters, and a number six or eight for inshore.

If need be, you can substitute regular-shanked Sproat, Eagle Claw, or Beak hooks in correct sizes. But my advice is to use these only when Virginias aren't available. Nothing puts blackfish in the bucket as easily as Virginia hooks.

Sinkers are no problems. The bank style is best; its tear-shape enables it to slide past obstructions which would snag a diamond or other flat-sided sinker. Weights will vary, of course, depending upon where the fishing is done, current strength, and so forth.

One thing of importance. The sinker must always be heavy enough to hold bottom without moving off. Blackfish are wily, particularly the large ones. I have found most blackfish to be extremely suspicious of the bait that moves unnaturally. This is especially true when skimmer is used. Keep that bait still if you want your share of blackfish!

Which brings us to that bane of all dedicated blackfishermen: the bergall. I don't know how to explain this animated nuisance, except to say it is an industrious bait thief without peer.

To consistently catch blackfish, fishermen must learn to distinguish between the light, rapid-fire nips of the bergall and the much more pronounced tap of the blackfish—which isn't easy, I assure you. To overcome the bergall, "on-the-spot" experience and "feel" are necessary. No one can teach you this, except for me to say patience and an even temperament are prime requisites.

Bergalls do have their fine points, though. They are a good indicator that blackfish are on the grounds selected. Rarely do you find one without the other in residence.

If you are getting bergall bites and they suddenly cease, it may mean one of two things: Either your bait is gone, or a blackfish is homing in on the easy pickings found by the bergalls. Either way you'll soon find out. All this boils down to the fact that expert sinker bouncers have learned to live with the bergall. If you wish to see your catch of blackfish increase, it is necessary that you do so, too.

Veteran blackfishermen have always claimed that spring blackfish prefer a soft bait. Well, my experience leads me to "yes and no." I believe the reason for this "preference" for soft bait is due to the fact that this is the only bait available in spring. Crabs, etc., are available for fall blackfishing, but rarely during spring—unless you trap them yourself. I know I've caught spring blackfish on crab just about everytime I've used them as bait; although I'll admit my largest blackfish ever fell for clam.

When using clam (skimmer preferred) be sure to slice it into narrow, inch and a half pieces. Be certain to leave some of the soft stomach with each slice, for this is what all bottom feeders relish. Weave the hook through the slice at least twice, and expose the barb about a third of an inch from the end.

Because of the black's feeding method, hooking can be difficult. Recall the frustrated fisherman at the beginning of this article. Novice fishermen should always wait for that all-important heavy tug, signifying that the fish has taken the hook. This is now the time to rear back on the fish—hard! And hold that rod high—at least for a dozen or so turns of the reel handle. You've got to get that fish started away from the obstruction before it realizes what has happened.

Failure to act heavy-handed when blackfishing means a lost fish—just about every time—plus the loss of terminal tackle it has succeeded in snagging while gaining its freedom. Even if your fish is hooked solidly, the chances are good that the fouled rig will cost you the fish. Waiting out the snagged blackfish in the hope that it will swim free sometimes works; but don't count on it.

Now to something many fishermen are unaware of: chumming blackfish to the surface.

This method works well in spring, but I've never had much luck with it during fall. To succeed, several things are necessary and important. The day must be wind-less, not too much boat activity; the water must be shallow (no more than 15 feet); and there must be little current, otherwise your chum will be carried away before it can do any good.

Years ago, we used grass shrimp exclusively for chumming blackfish, but at today's prices and scarcity it hardly pays to consider its use. An excellent substitute is clam, any kind, that have been run through a grinder. They must be minced very fine. Should the pieces be heavy, they will sink and by so doing fail in their purpose by keeping the fish on bottom.

For this off-beat blackfishing, you should use a light spinning outfit and a #8 Virginia hook. Sinkers are not used, but a split-shot placed near the hook eye is helpful. Bait with larger pieces of clam and lower the rig slowly to the feeding fish. When you work it right, you'll see the blackfish coming up to feed—bergalls, too, with an occasional frisky flounder horning in on the act. Make no sudden moves as the fish rise to the surface. They will refuse to bite if you do.

Be prepared for a merry few minutes by having a firm grip on your rod. When you sink the hook, the blackfish will give you a lively time—one you never thought possible. You will know instantly why the fish is considered a game fish by all sinker bouncers.

I've never caught a blackfish over three pounds with this method, but my buddy Nick Hauck nailed a seven pounder near the pilings of the LIRR trestle in Island Park. Caught on a fly rod, it took better than 20 minutes to land. Try it some time for extra thrills.

As the water warms, blackfish will become more active and by the end of next month will be taking up housekeeping in areas known to harbor these scrappers.

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CHUMMING FLOUNDER

by Don Kamienski

This old-time technique is a sure way to catch more winter flounder.

In almost every article you read in this magazine which describes the art of winter flounder fishing, the outdoor scribe will invariably include a sentence or two regarding the benefits of chumming to increase your catch of these tasty flatfish. While most people can agree that chumming will increase their chances of catching a good number of flounder, the actual techniques of chumming used by anglers can stand some additional explanation because certain techniques are better than others. In fact, certain chumming techniques can actually reduce the amount of flounder that are attracted to your hook.

Webster's dictionary defines chumming as the act of throwing overboard, chopped fish or other matter in order to attract fish. Let me take this definition one step further and define flounder chumming as the "act of attracting flounder to your HOOK by tossing overboard a FINITE AMOUNT of chopped bait or other material." Notice that my definition emphasizes the word "hook" and the "amount" of chum used. Too often, an angler will use either too much or too little chum to attract the resident population of flounder. Too little chum will not draw enough fish to your boat, while too much chum will draw the flounder to your area but not necessarily to your baited hooks. These latter flounder will be feeding on your chum rather than on your baited hooks. The key, then, to effective chumming is using just enough chum to initially draw the flounder to your anchored boat, and then to your baited hooks.

To my mind, the ideal chumming pattern for winter flounder is to deposit the majority of your chum directly below your anchored boat, and then distribute a lesser amount of chum perhaps 20 to 30 feet downtide of your boat. With this type of pattern, the small amount of chum furthest from the boat acts as a dinner bell to pique the interest of the flounder swimming in your area. Then as the flounder swims up to your chum line towards your waiting boat, they are greeted with an ever-increasing small amount of tasty food which tempts their palate but does not satisfy their appetite. Hopefully, they will believe that the juicy morsel on your baited hook will satisfy their appetite.

Selecting flounder chum is like buying a necktie—everyone has their own preference and favorite choices.

Helen Kamienski with a nice-sized flattie caught on worms while chumming.

In my case, I tend to favor sea clams and mussels for the chum pot, with corn, rice and dog food being used for downtide distribution of loose chum. Rather than placing crushed clams and shells in a chum pot, I tend to buy my clams ahead of time and separate the shells from the meat. The meat is then placed in an electric blender which is set to "coarse chop." The chopped clam meat is then frozen into logs which, in turn, are placed in a chum pot at the start of a day's fishing. The shucked clam shells are also retained, and spread around the double anchored boat.

The chum pot used by most flounder anglers is approximately nine inches high with a five inch diameter. The problem I have with this smaller size pot is that it only holds a minimal amount of chum; so replenishing this pot with fresh chum is more frequent. As an alternative, let me suggest that you use a wire minnow trap which is much larger in size and holds a good deal more clams and mussels. Just be sure that you add sufficient weight and a length of rope to the trap to keep it next to the bottom. If numbers of flounder is the game you're playing, you may want to attach one or two snelled and baited flounder hooks to your chum pot. In many cases, you can catch an extra dozen plump flounder with these pot hooks as the chum pot is acting as the primary attractor of these fish.

Some anglers scoff at the use of corn as an attractor for flounder, but I've seen this method out-produce other methods on certain days by a ten to one ratio. There are two things to remember when chumming with corn. First, corn has a difficult time settling to the bottom in a swift current, so any loose handfuls of corn should be tossed uptide of your boat's position so it can settle below or just slightly downtide of your craft. If you toss your corn downtide of your boat, you'll probably be helping the guy who is anchored downtide of your position.

The reason corn works as an effective chum is that when it rests on the muddy bottom, it tends to resemble the yellow shape of clam tongue tips which protrude from the mud in just about the same manner. Rather than bringing a can of corn on your boat for chum and invariably forgetting the can opener, let me suggest that you remove the corn from the can at home, and place it into a zip-lock plastic bag. This pre-packaging of the corn is much neater to handle without the threat of a sharp can edge possibly causing a serious injury. If you find that some of your freshly caught flounder are regurgitating kernels of corn, switch to a flounder rig that contains a plastic yellow corn bead. Several manufacturers make this type of rig with Four Seasons Tackle in Toms River making an especially effective combination of hook and bead. Don't be concerned that flounder can't digest kernels of corn, as recent studies have indicated that corn doesn't produce ill-effects in this species.

As a final thought, let me suggest a chumming technique for flounder that I once scoffed at before I tried it and found it effective. On occasion, you may want to distribute loose chum around your boat, but the tide is too swift to make this practical. If you don't want to wait for a slack tide, try the following technique. Place your loose chum in a small thin paper bag with a heavy rock. Lower this bag to the bottom with a rope, and when the bag material becomes saturated with water, give the rope a sharp jerk. The heavy rock within the bag should break open the container and allow your chum to be deposited along the bottom below your boat. If you're really sneaky, you may want to seed an area with clams and mussels using this technique the day before you actually go flounder fishing. Between the seeding process and the actual fishing day, the resident flounder should move into this seeded area. When this technique works, your seeded area will become the "mother lode" of flounder activity in the area.

No matter where you fish for flounder, effective chumming will definitely add more fish to your catch. It really works if you do it right!

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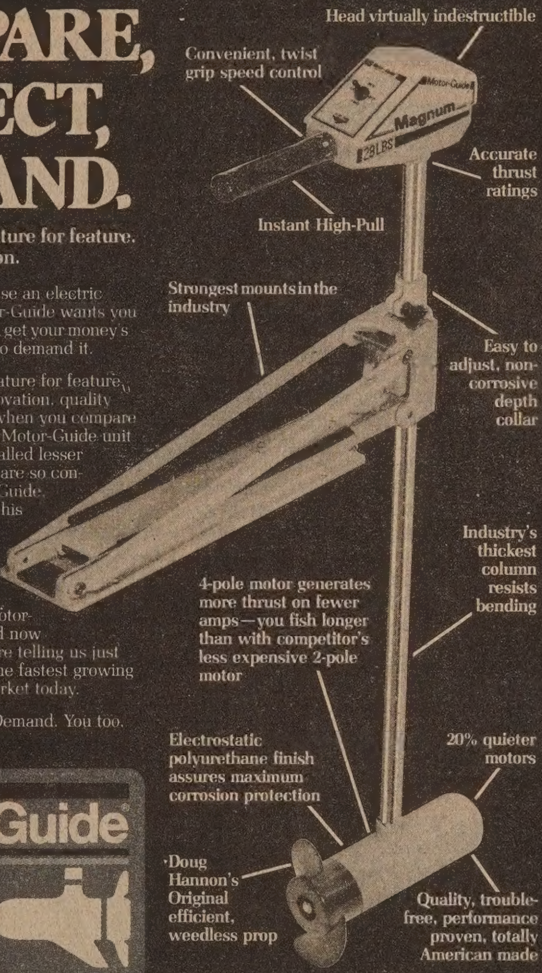
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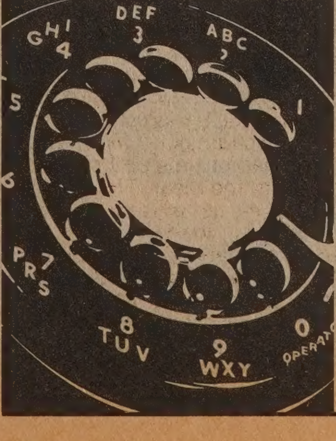
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SMALL BOAT WHITING

by Doug Johnson

New York Bight anglers will be looking for whiting to fill in the blanks between spring flounder trips.

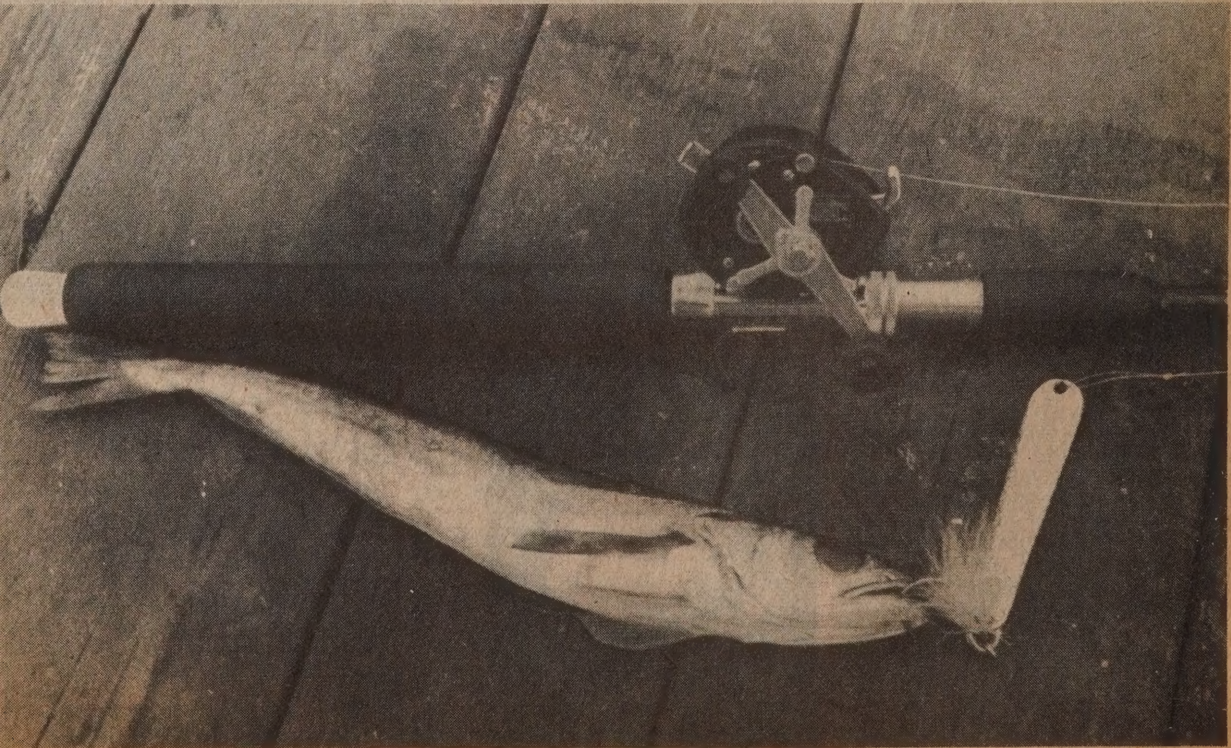
With the advent of springtime and mackerel schooling off our beaches, another fishery will soon be opened up. Whiting can usually be found under the mackerel schools since they are being "chummed" by the pickings leftover by the schools of mackerel. Of course, you can fish for whiting all winter long, but this article is for the small boaters like myself (I own a 20 foot Grady with a 140 hp) who have enough respect for the seas that are prevalent in January, February, and March. Of course, good days are available during these months but most of us have our boats up on blocks awaiting the return of 50 degree days. A lot of boats that go mackerel fishing in the spring only look for mackerel, yet after they have caught more than they can eat, freeze for bait, and give away, whiting are usually waiting.

The real run for whiting starts around mid-March with the fish continuing right through the middle of May. In both instances, the fish move in from their offshore quarters and then when the water temperature gets too warm, out they go again. Perhaps the nicest thing about whiting fishing in the spring is that the fish are full of life and willing to hit a jig or a piece of bait with enthusiasm. During the winter when the water temperature drops below 35 degrees, the whiting have a tendency to retreat into deep water and become very lethargic. But in the spring, the results will astound you. I'm not going to claim that the fish will hit you like a blue or a weak, but they will make an account of themselves.

The technique for catching these fish during the spring run is basically the same as in the winter.

To begin with, I usually go out and hit the first pod of mackerel that I can find. I employ the usual tube teasers with a diamond jig and catch enough for two meals (I eat mackerel fresh but not frozen) and enough for bait. I then switch over to a three hook, hi-lo rig. The top hook will be 36 inches from the sinker, the second hook will be 18 inches from the sinker and the bottom hook, right on the bottom. I like to use a 2/0 or 3/0 long shank hook to keep those little needle teeth away from my fingers. For those of you who caught some mackerel prior to fishing for the whiting, fillet out a piece and put fresh mackerel on your hook. Since whiting are predators, let the bait flutter on the end of your hook. DO NOT BALL UP YOUR BAIT! That long strip can be jigged on the bottom and look just like small sand eels that really drive the whiting crazy.

If dogfish are present they may zero in on your whiting rig and really crash on your baited hooks. If this happens, and you feel certain that the whiting are present on the bottom, start jigging the bottom with your mackerel rig. Of course, if the mackerel reappear, expect to catch mackerel before you can get to the bottom. But if the mackerel have taken off, drop the same rig to the bottom, engage your reel and bounce the diamond jig approximately two feet off the bottom. Count to three and do the same procedure again. Repeat this action until you have enticed a whiting to hit either the diamond jig or one of your tube teasers. Occasionally you might



Jigs fished deep will usually score on whiting.

pick up a doggie since the diamond jig does look like a wounded fish struggling on the bottom. For myself, I only resort to jigging for whiting when the doggies get out of control. To lessen the likelihood of attracting doggies while you are bait fishing for whiting, try two things:

1. Don't clean your mackerel at the same time you are waiting for the whiting to start biting.
2. As soon as you catch your first whiting, strip him down into baits. Granted, if doggies are present you are going to catch them on any bait you might choose to drop to the bottom, but whiting strips give off less oil. Remember the reason why doggies are so prevalent during the mackerel run is that schools of those pesky creatures are under the hordes of mackerel just waiting for a sick or wounded fish to drop to the bottom. Doggies like their meals right on the bottom and a struggling mackerel that has fallen prey to an injury makes a perfect meal. Therefore, the doggies at this time of the year are very sensitive to anything that looks, feels, or smells like a mackerel.

The final trick now is how to locate these fish in the spring. Usually in the spring, my technique is direct and simple: I either locate a school of mackerel by running towards the "fleet," or I keep my Si-Tex running at full paper speed until I hit my first school. I catch only the amount of mackerel that I can eat fresh or cut up for bait or freeze and then I proceed to try for whiting. Usually the same items that are on the menu that are holding the mackerel in an area are usually the same items that will hold whiting. If I cannot find mackerel that day (these speedsters move in and out so fast) I usually to go holes or sloughs that I know in my area that should hold fish.

Two final words of caution. It is still early in the season and the water temperature is probably around the mid-forties. Thus, if you feel that your craft is a little too small to handle the seas, stay in port and jump on a party boat. Before I make any trip during the early season, I watch the weather maps and listen to the weather stations constantly before I go out. A dip in the water this time of the year is going to cost you your life by hypothermia.

The second item is how much you wish to risk getting into the water with your boat. If you are going to bypass some much-needed caulking or painting or engine maintenance just to get out there, I would definitely stay put in the yard and accomplish whatever the needed tasks are. Again, all the party boats are running and besides, who wants to be stuck dockside during the summer to a disability that could have been prevented by keeping your boat up on blocks. Also, if you do go out and breakdown in the early season, it is not a pleasant experience since it can blow up quickly and the winds are usually cool.

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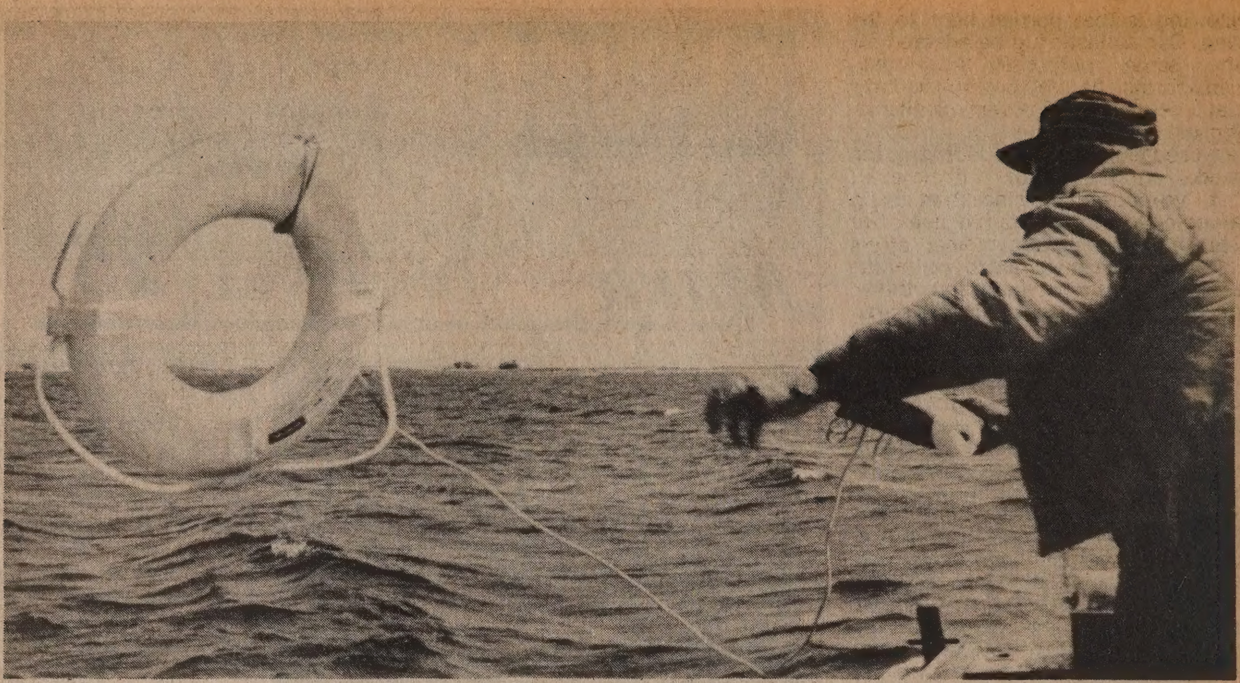

RING FOR A LIFELINE

by Ray Hendrickson

Keeping a life ring thethered to a throw line and within easy reach, might just save a life someday.

IT'S THE LAW! Any boat 16 feet and over must carry a Type IV, throwable, flotation device. And it should be; but that scare-phrase so typical of some prevalent signal flare advertising is scarcely necessary. Just as there's no statute declaring we have to swim after falling overboard—or, at least, try—there's scant need for a law telling us it's smart to have something handy to throw to a sputtering victim flailing away in the wake.

Any skipper with both oars in the water has a throwable device immediately available for a man-overboard dilemma, and if there's room for it, regardless of his skiff's L.O.A., it will be a ring buoy. A life ring, as we've commonly called it in the past. Sure, a floating cushion meets Coast Guard requirements for a Type IV device (except upon commercial vessels), but it can't hold a soaked candle to a life ring for buoyancy, heft and grab-ability by both user and usee.

Strangely enough, the rule book makes no demand that the life ring be tethered to a throwing line; a length of cordage at least as long as the distance one could reasonably hope to toss the ring. Nor does every skipper have a line bent to his ring, although most readily admit the potential benefits of such a leash. Why not? Because securing the line in WORKABLE FASHION is an exercise in futility.

Consider the parameters. The ring must be located where it's instantly available if it is to serve its purpose; not in a locker, down in the cuddy or stowed 'neath a seat. Not only will a serviceable ring be subject to a certain amount of abuse while hanging on hooks in the cockpit or on the flybridge, but any attached line is also susceptible to a bit of banging around and inadvertent snagging. Additionally, and most importantly, the ring must be useable by **anybody**. The most landlubberly guest aboard, the one who gave up on shoe laces at age five, may be the one who has to throw that ring.

He might be the envy of a discus champion as far as tossing is concerned, but could he instinctively cope with any of the various lash-ups some of us have used to marry the throwing line to the ring in anything resembling a shipshape bundle? Bright orange or yellow polyprolylene, one-quarter inch diameter rope is preferred for its visibility and floating characteristics, but it's not particularly the easiest stuff to coil, especially if it has already taken a set.

You might try tying the line to the ring, coiling it inside, then taking a few turns on the hank with the bitter end—but write off the guy with his head awash if someone fumbles getting off the turns. I seized the coil with two pound mono one season, letting the eye splice in the bitter end hang down within the ring. Don't bother. The mono eventually broke down, making a messy tangle—and before it did it wasn't all that easy to break it loose; certainly not by merely holding the eye splice and heaving the ring! Then I used a single turn of Velcro strapping to hold the coiled line. I didn't trust it; but with nothing better on the burner I used it until last year, when I made a quickie business trip to Sweden.

I had neither sufficient time nor the lingual capacity to determine who manufactures the line holder I discovered nestled in the life rings abutting the Gotta Kanal; nor could I learn if it's made to fit sizes other than the large commercial rings. But one of those rare light bulbs popped on just before the sun went down (about a half hour before midnight), and I couldn't wait to get home. As soon as I cleared customs I was looking for an empty plastic jug!

As the photo indicates, the Swedish holder is a "snap-out" device specially molded of a semi-flexible plastic. A handle is molded directly in line with the container, and the only line showing is that portion bent to the ring. Can a plastic jug be adapted for the same purpose? Absolutely, considering the plethora of relatively flat one-gallon containers proliferating the environment.

I used a detergent jug for the first model, and it's still aboard the boat, but I've made others since then, using a one-gallon antifreeze jug made for Zerex® . The latter container offers greater line capacity due to the handle shape, and can also be used with the medium and small diameter rings. There's scarcely anything hard and fast about container selection. What works, works—and the price is right. Cutting for fit is pretty much a trial and error routine, and mistakes can be anticipated. But how much can an error cost? The landscape is practically growing plastic discards!

Here's how I made my holder, but these are merely guidelines. Variations on the theme are limited only by pregnant imagination.

Run a 1/4 inch drill bit through the jug's cap. This hole can also be readily bored with the reaming awl and small blade of a combination pocket knife. In fact, that one tool will do the entire job. Scrounge up a small piece of semi-rigid plastic foam, polyehteylene and urethane are both ideal materials, and carve a collar to fit over the cap as shown. Pierce the collar with a 1/4 inch hole also. Screw the cap on snugly and push the collar in place.

Now it's cut and try: slicing out the bottom of the jug and trimming a bit at a time until we achieve a force fit within the ring. Use a short, sharp blade and work it slowly—always pushing away from your hands. Blades have an irascible propensity for hanging up in these plastics—then suddenly slipping off on their own. You can't nick that casting hand if flesh stays behind the blade!

Work toward a fit that compresses the plastic collar and deforms the trimmed edges of the jug inward, adding additional spring to the installation, as illustrated. The final shape should resemble a "V" when viewed from the jug's narrow edge. Too, the foam collar can also be whittled a bit to work up a satisfactory fit. So far, I've found it best to force the jug's trimmed bottom against the ring's inner edge and then push the collared end into position. For the neater tinkerers among us, the raw edges can be sufficiently dressed by scraping with the knife blade.

Although 40 feet of 1/4 inch line is probably more than can be straightened out by an average person throwing the ring, I still think it's minimum footage. I cram all the line in that will fit. Better to pad the bill than come up short. Although I didn't do it, I suppose the best means of determining capacity is to take the jug to a marine supply store and stuff it directly from the bulk spool. Should the rope counter begin adding up a ridiculous figure, simply stop before

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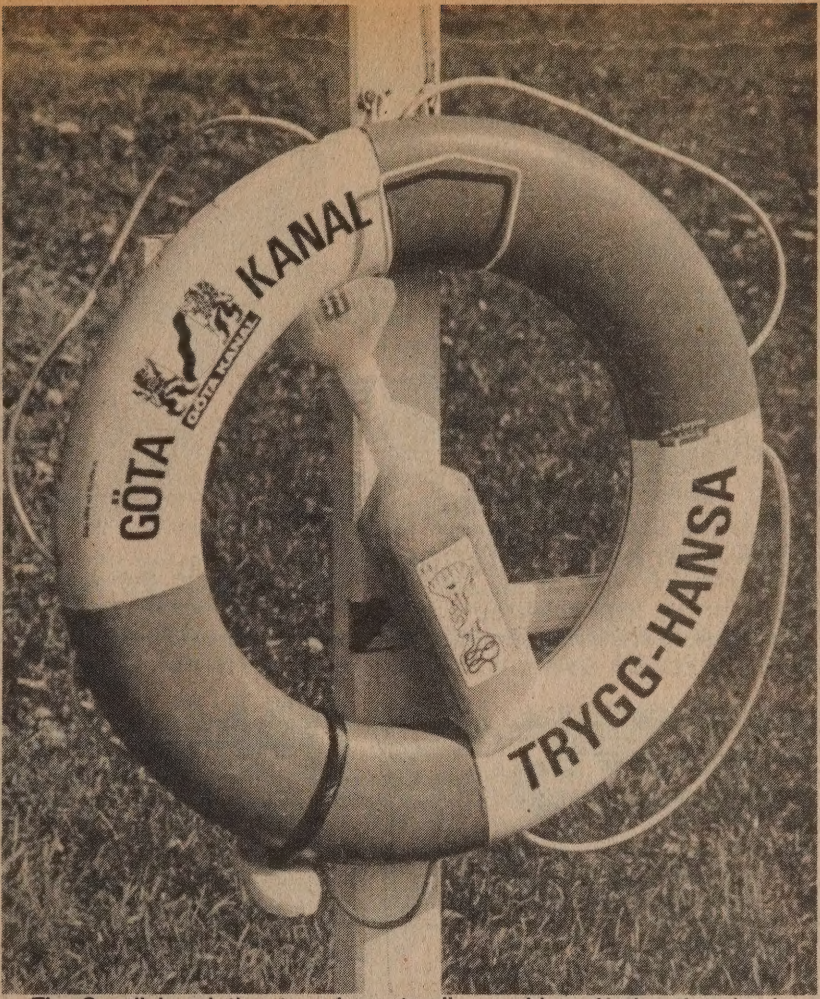
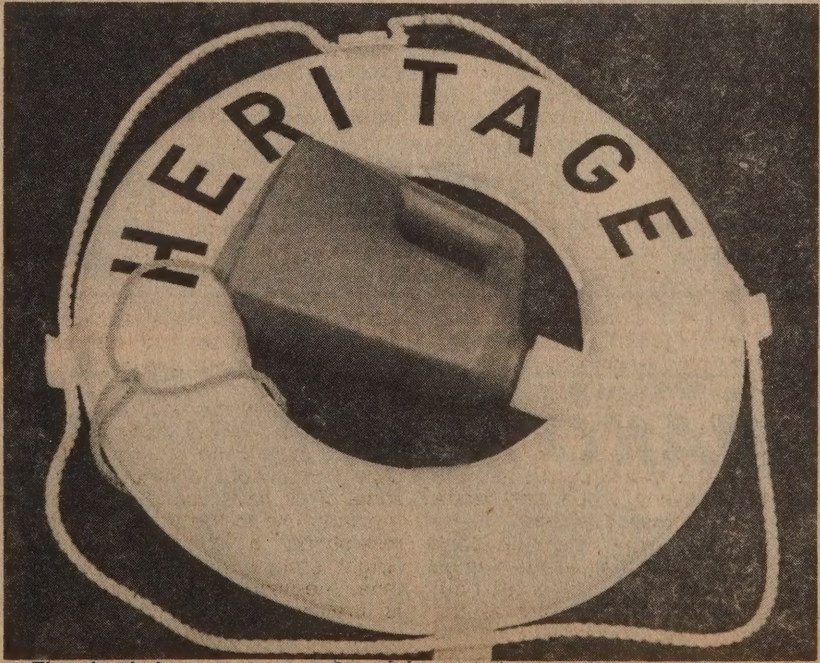


The Swedish solution to a long-standing problem. Notice the simple graphic instructions on the line holder.



The plastic jug counterpart. Certainly not quite as spiffy as the Swedish original, but just as operational. Note the way the jug's trimmed edge buckles under against the ring's inner edge to provide the required spring.

reaching total capacity. However, accomplished, flake the line down as follows.

Pass the line through the jug and out through the cap and collar. Tie an overhand knot in the end and safety it by fusing the end with a clean flame (propane or alcohol torch), and bury the knot in the collar. Pack the line into the jug, essentially stuffing it into the neck portion, then flaking it as much as possible in a figure-eight pattern to fill the container's main body section. At this point, considerable pending aggravation may be thwarted by temporarily holding the line within the jug with a strip of masking tape, leaving about four feet of line out.

Snap the jug into the life ring, and then remove the tape. Tie or splice the extending line to the life ring, rather than to the ring's perimeter rope. No reason not to go directly to what is most important. If the ring will be exposed to weather when aboard the boat, tuck the jug in with the open end facing downward. If for some reason you would rather it faced up, drill a hole near the jug's neck for drainage.

After a few practice throws (with attendant re-stuffing drills) you hang the ring back on the hooks, and hope you'll never again have to throw it. Grasp the handle in one hand and the ring in the other, yank the jug free (some line will immediately fall out)—and heave! Regardless of which hand you throw with, you'll most likely find that you transfer the jug to your master hand if it wasn't there to start. Not a bad idea, all in all, because you'll probably also wind up gripping the line instead of the jug. I know I do, even though I know that the jug and its line connection is a considerably stout assembly.

Accidents at sea, however, don't (if ever) always happen in text book fashion. If he tumbles from a galloping boat, chances are he'll be beyond the reach of any length line before even Superman can heave the ring. Between that and falling from an anchored boat one may sketch any scenario—and the jugged ring adapts.

The ring can be heaved while holding the jug, and speedily drawn back for another try if the first was wide of the mark. If thrown past the victim, the line can be used to troll the ring to him. The situation may warrant letting go the line (remember, it floats) if the victim is in good shape and can swim to it before you can haul back for a second heave. Lastly, if for any on-site reason it's thought best, the entire rig can be heaved without yanking the jug. The more options available, the better.

A final thought: scratch what I said about hoping never to have to heave it again after that practice session. Have all your steady crew members give it a whirl, and break it out again whenever someone new joins the club. Too, inspect the entire line every few seasons. Although the jug will block most of the sun's ultraviolet light, poly rope does not last forever.

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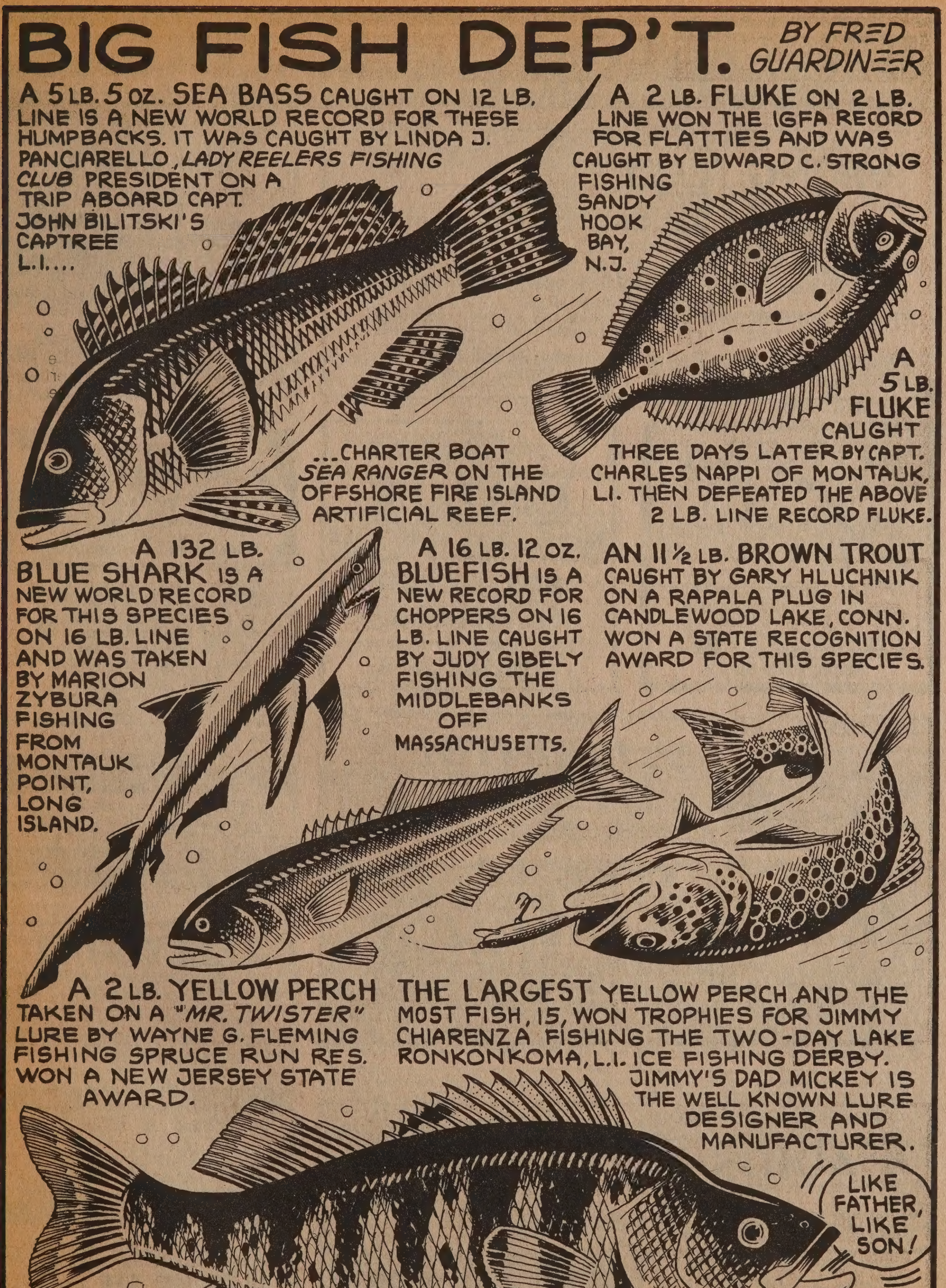

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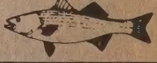

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East End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Weather continues to be a big factor in these parts. Codfishing at Montauk has had its highs and lows and to the west, flounder fishing seems to be gathering steam, but even here, wind has been a big factor.

MONTAUK

Codfishing continues to lack any amount of consistency this spring. The charter boat **Montauk** reported excellent fishing early this past week, but fishing took a turn for the worse on Saturday. Sunday's action showed some improvement over the previous day's fishing.

Captain Chuck Malinson of the charter boat **Joy-Sea** sailed in Saturday's wind and put away over 50 cod for a party headed by Dave Richards. Chuck reminded that he would be sailing from the Cove Marina this season.

Dr. Lou Pastori and Drs. Richard and Ronnie Lougouri put away 176 cod on this reporter's boat on Tuesday. Wednesday's party aboard the **Vivienne** had to settle for only 20 cod from the same area.

Captain Phil Lewis and his wife Dina of the charter boat **Adios** have returned from a winter in Florida and will begin sailing by mid-month. They are now accepting bookings for the season at 668-5760.

Captain Mike Bach, skipper of the open boat **Viking Star** worked the CIA Grounds on both Saturday and Sunday. Sixty fares accounted for 150 cod on Saturday, while 50 anglers put away 175 cod on Sunday's trip. Among Sunday's catch were 12 cod over 30 lbs., including a 46 lb. pool fish.

SOUTH FORK

Tom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** said that flounder action in Heady Creek was very good on Saturday. Some boats managed 60 to 70 flatties up to 1½ lbs. with worms and mussels working best in the bait department. Crowds along the Shinnecock Canal have been shoulder to shoulder with casters picking away at the flatties. Tom noted that the Basket Area in Shinnecock Bay has not yet produced with any consistency, but a few consecutive sunny days and milder temperatures should get things rolling here.

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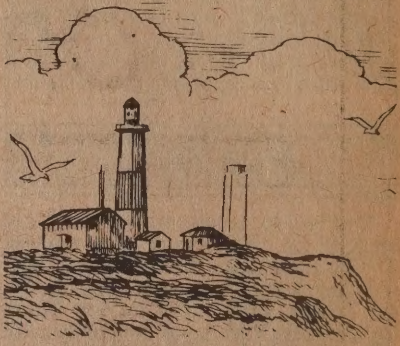

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing seems to be on the verge of really busting loose in both Moriches and Great South Bays. The weekend saw good scores made in both bays and particularly in Great South Bay, where fish are spread over a wide area. The weather continued its stranglehold on the fishing most days this past week with plenty of wind and cool temperatures keeping small boat anglers in the barn.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

From **Silly Lily Fishng Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich noted that the first fish are beginning to move into the bay and onto the flats as well, although most of the best action continues to be in deeper water. The flatties in the Canal near buoys 52 and 54 are smaller than the fish being taken in the bay, but are more plentiful. The hole northeast of buoy 42 produced fair numbers of flatties in the 1 to 2½ lb. class this week as did Havens Point. On Sunday, Joe Sanders and Matt and John Viol teamed for the best score of the weekend. The trio of sharpies put away over 90 flounder up to 2½ lbs. working both Havens Point and buoy 54. -

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Station, East Moriches had nothing much to report for the weekend, but did note that two boats returned with catches of 48 and 65 flatties on Tuesday from the buoy 43 area. This was the only day when the wind allowed any boats to get out.

Andy Hegeman of **Sea Tuck Cove Fishing Station** in Eastport said that the wind really kept down Saturday's activity. Sunday, despite the cold, damp weather, the flounder action was pretty good. Most boats managed 30 to 40 keepers working buoys 7A and 54 in the Canal. Most ranged between 3/4 and 1 lb. with lots of throwbacks taken as well. Best action was on the flood with blood worms and mussel chum seemingly the best combo. High score on Sunday were Dennis Wagner and a friend, both from Maspeth, who put away 46 nice keepers.

Ted Lorras, George Caloumeno and Evette and Richard Katz, all of Queens, left from **L&M Marine** in Saturday's wind and headed for the shelter of buoys 50 and 52 in the Quogue Canal. Jim Green of the Station said the group returned with 75 flatties ranging from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. They used mussel chum and sand worms and had their best action on incoming water. They, too, reported plenty of throwbacks.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle in Patchogue** reported the local docks are quiet but boatmen are taking decent numbers of fish locally when the wind allows. One customer, Harry Silden, journeyed to the westernmost bridge of the Quogue Canal during the week with his car-top boat and returned to the shop with 15 keepers. Some nice white perch being taken in Tuthills Creek along with a few sea run trout south of the railroad trestle.

Speaking from **J&R Sports Center in Oakdale**, Al Colban had a few nice flounder scores to report from the weekend. Richard Olsen and Warren Podine showed 44 keepers up to 1½ lbs. taken on mussels near buoy 5, Heckscher. Allen and John Canterbach teamed to put away 62 flounder working between buoys 1 (Islip) and 2 (East Islip). Jean and Frank Shrewsbury stuck to Buoy 5, Heckscher and in less than 2 hours put away 26 flatties up to 1½ lbs. Worms and mussel or clam chum seemed to be the best combo at this point. Al also told of seeing a few flounder in the buckets of anglers working the Bay Shore Marina docks. Also, lots of small trout up to 9 inches in Bubbles and Rattlesnake and good white perch fishing in the Connetquot near Dowling College. The perch are being taken on small Mepps spinners, worm and shrimp.

LIF subscriber Jerry Berkman called to report a fine day of flounder fishing near buoy 2 off of East Islip on Saturday. Fishing in two boats owned by Jose and Frank Calvet, the three teamed with Pedro Calvet, Bob Stokes and Chuck Levinson to put away 90 flatties, most in the 1 to 2 lb. range. They also returned nearly 50 smaller fish. Both mussels and clams accounted for the action and Jerry noted that the morning ebb tide seemed to produce the fastest fishing. The group trailered the boats out of Heckscher State Park.

From **Peppy's Bait and Tackle Shop in East Islip**, Irene Cioffi said that the weather has kept activity down but she did look over a catch of 23 nice flounder name off of Heckscher by the private boat Ishtar. The pair of anglers used blood worms and mussel chum and most of the fish were in the 1 to 1½ lb. range. This was on Sunday.

Over in Bay Shore, Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** knew of some good flounder action south of Good Sam on the Bay Shore flats, and south of Heckscher. He did look over a catch of 40 nice fish taken near buoy 4, Heckscher Park, on Saturday by Doug Phlips. Doug worked 12 feet of water and used worms and mussel chum.

According to Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat, **Capt. Joseph II** both Saturday and Sunday produced good flounder action wit the best and biggest fish coming from the 15 foot depths south of Heckscher. Twenty-nine fares on Saturday's trip accounted for over 400 flatties, with Larry Genna topping all comers with 41. Ed Krynski had 25 fish. On Sunday, the skipper spoke of a real good drop south of buoy 24 with all nice fish being taken. Seventeen fares accounted for over 300 flatties. Henry Clark and Virginia Kilgor teamed to take 47 keepers, while Al Mendarus put away 26. Mussel bait had a 3 to 1 edge over worms, according to Charlie and fish ranged anywhere from 3/4 on up to 2 lbs. Many are in the 1 to 1½ lb. class.

Congratulations are in order to Charlie who has been working and skippering for the Joseph Fleet for 17 years, is now the proud owner of the **Capt. Joseph II**. He will continue running the boat himself on a daily basis with the same crew that has been with him for the past five years. All of us at The Fisherman wish Charlie the best of luck with his new venture.

Captain Carl Passerro of the **Captree** open boat **Jib VI** spoke of a very good spread of fish through the bay. Catches have been varying greatly from 8 to 25 fish per man, depending mostly on each individual's own skill. While the boat did not get out during the week, Carl was pleased with the results of Saturday and Sunday's trips. He found good fishing both days at East Channel and north of Cherry Grove. Sunday also saw some decent action south of Bay Shore. George Forgione of Massapequa had Sunday's 2 lb. pool fish, along with 21 other flatties.

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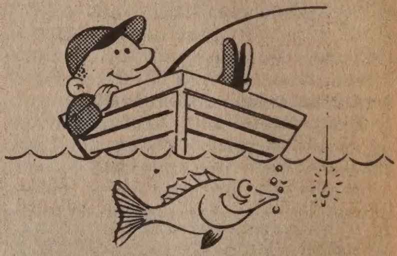
Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop in Babylon**, Fred Austin was satisfied that flounder fishing showed some signs of opening up this weekend. Several boats returned with catches of 15 to 30 flatties in the 1 to 1½ lb. class from Bayberry Point and Heckscher. Gasper Garaputo of the Karen E had 30 nice flounder himself near buoy 1 Islip (Bayberry Point). Fred also had word that some flounder are being taken from the Captree piers on worms.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z-Crab Tackle in Copiague** knew of some decent flounder scores made off of Heckscher and Bay Shore on Saturday despite the wind. He also knew that some of the local clammers had been doing well with flatties near Towins Bar, Copiague. Local youngsters are catching a few flounder at Tanner park and one customer who fished Connetquot State Park on Friday reported taking 18 trout up to 16 inches.



West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

With the weather moderating slightly this past week, flounder catches have increased a good deal but with a lot more of an increase yet to come. With three or four consecutive warm days, the season should break loose in earnest.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From Seaford a call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of good fishing with most of the flatties out of the mud now. Rental skills are averaging 25 keepers per boat with mussels working best. Fish are being caught on both sides of the Wantagh bridges on both tides. Most of the fish are running from 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. Small blackfish are being accidentally taken in the killie traps which are being set by John, as he is presently carrying killies for freshwater anglers.

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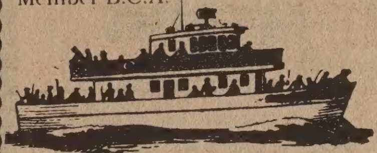

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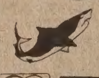

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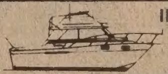

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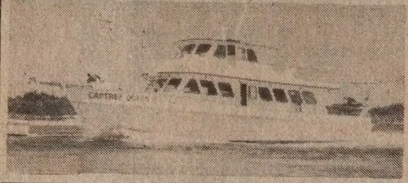

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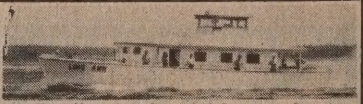

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good flounder up to 8 lbs. caught Sunday by customers Tom and Tony at the Short Beach Coast Guard Station in Jones Inlet. Cold and rain then caused them to fold their tent and make for the dock. Worms and mussel chum did the job on an ebbing tide. The duo advised that party boats fishing in the area were really hoisting fish.

From **Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle** comes the advice that deep water and holes have been the key this past week to good flatties catches. Some flounder were taken at the 3rd Wantagh in the deep holes. Massapequa Cove in the deep spots was also a producer this week. Best baits have been mussel and worms. Lon is fully stocked with all flounder baits and chum and is ready to roll.

From the **Freeport** area comes word that the **Super Spray Ii** on Saturday will be starting their flounder fishing, sailing two half day trips daily, from 8-12 and 1-5, seven days a week. Watch their ad for details in next week's issue.

A call from Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** told of Sunday's codfish charter to a wreck 25 miles off the beach where 31 cod to 15 lbs. and 15 blacks to 7 lbs. were hoisted. Pool cod was taken by Rod Costanzo. Pool blackfish was taken by Jim Hyland and George Henning was high hook with six fish. This was a group from upstate New York. The boat had a flounder charter during the week and had a fair pick at local drops. High hook was Rocky Civone, Jr. and Warren took the pool.

The word from the **Capt. Andy II** is that the floundering has picked up in an excellent fashion. On Friday's PM trip, fares averaged 12 to 20 good keepers per seasoned angler; while high hook had over 30 flatties. Fishing's being done on mussel and worm mainly in the back. Both tides are working with the ebb best. Fish are running up to 2 lbs. but are averaging 3/4 to 1 lbs. Some days there are more throwbacks than other days.

We learned from Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** that his flounder trips will be sailing every day starting Saturday. Al said that considering weather and fishing conditions, his trips this past week have been productive. Saturday's fishing was very good, with several fares catching 20 to 25 flounder. Mussels have been working best, then worms. Saturday's pool hit 2½ lbs. on the nose. There are a lot of roe fish. All drops have been local and Al said that starting Saturday he will be hitting some of his prime honey holes, so come on down.

Captain Mike Danon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** had some big numbers to tell of for this past week's fishing. On his full day boat the **CL III** we learned of Tuesday and regular, Dave with 43 keeper flounder. On Wednesday Jack Reed of Brooklyn had 32. Thursday Hy Brown of New Hyde Park scored with 54, while Herb Schwartz of Long Beach settled for 40 flounder. On

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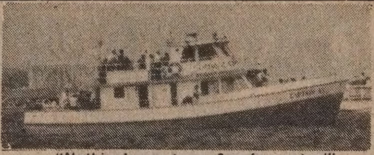

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In nearby **Point Lookout** the two trip a day Captain Bill reported that on Tuesday's PM trip Ray Doyle of Elmont took 25 flounder along with the pool, while Carmine Cessarano smiled at his 24. Thursday's PM trip had "Wild Bill" of Elmont with 40 keepers, Baldwin angler Jim McKeon with 30 and Hank Auble, Franklin Square, with 24. Friday's conditions made fishing tough but the AM high hook was 10 fish nonetheless. The water Saturday was churned up by Friday's winds and fishing was tough again. In the AM Bob Crespo, had 12 flatties to 1½ lbs. Frank Rizzo of Wantagh took the pool with a 2 lber. In the PM Wah Kwam Liu, of Forest Hills took the pool with a 2 lb. 4 oz. fish. Sunday was picky with the ebb working best. The early morning tide Sunday saw decent catches with conditions worsening as the tide built. High hook was 15. Mike says the fish are mostly nice sized from 1 to 1½ lbs. but Sunday had some smaller ones mixed in.

From the **Miss Point Lookout**, also sailing two a day flounder, we hear from the skipper that the early part of the week was very good with some high hooks in the 20s, with things slowing towards the end of the week. Saturday and Sunday saw good catches of larger flounder. Sal Sapienza with a 2 lber took Saturday's PM pool. All pools have been taken by 2 lb. class fish. This week has shown a big improvement over last week. Fish have been running from 1/2 to 2 lbs., with both tides working in local waters on mussel and worm.

The word from Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** is that considering the weather and water temperature, their rental skiffs had halfway decent catches on the weekend. Customers found the best fishing to be in Reynolds Channel. John Greener of Cedarhurst and John Gidel of Whitestone bagged 33 flounder at buoys 18 and 20 with incoming working best. Regulars Bruno Grabiec and Ed Puzio caught 65 fish in Reynolds. Mussels have been best, with the last of the flood working best. Fish have been averaging 1 to 1¼ lbs. and Marilyn

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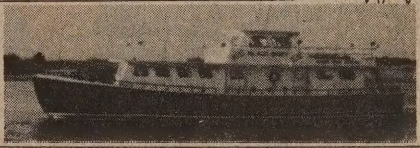
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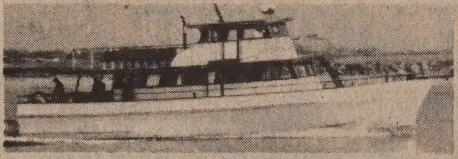

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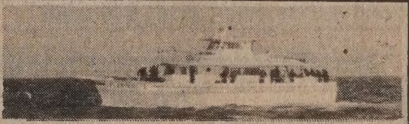

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NEW YORK BIGHT

The start of another good flounder season seems to be under way here. As near as we can determine, flounder have been the only game in town.

From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in Rockaway action in Hog Channel has picked up. Jim Dimaggio of Lynbrook and Frank Christie of New Hyde Park along with Mark Reihm had 10 keeper flounder to 1¾ lbs. Saturday fishing there on incoming on mussel, sand worm and lots of chum. The west side of Duck Point has also started producing as has the area from Garretts Lead to Baldwin Bay. We need a few days of warm weather says Skippy to really get things going.

Sailing out of **Howard Beach** the open boat **Capt. Mike** called to say his flounder catches have started off very nicely and have improved this past week. Saturday's high hook was 25, along with the pool winner, a 2¾ lber. for Mark Pozarycki. This fish was weighed on a digital scale in the Yellow Shed office. On Sunday's trip, Rich Zimmerman of South Ozone Park was high hook with 31 flatties, whie Angelo Radue of Howard Beach decked 23. Hotspot has been the Silver Hole area. Fish are averaging 3/4 to 1 lb. with only a few throwbacks. Mussels have been the best bait. Please note that the boat is sailing every day now, starting this Saturday.

We hear from Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** that the waters of Jamaica Bay at the north and south channel bridges have been producing very good flounder catches on incoming tide best. Catch of the week was Thursday when Lorenzo Vanella hoisted 20 flounder on incoming from the south channel bridge. These fish were all from 1¼ to 2¾ lbs. taken on mussels.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay**, the Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** is that lots of flounder are being caught from the party boats working both the Navesink River in Jersey. Also a few private boats have been making good catches in Jamaica Bay on worms.

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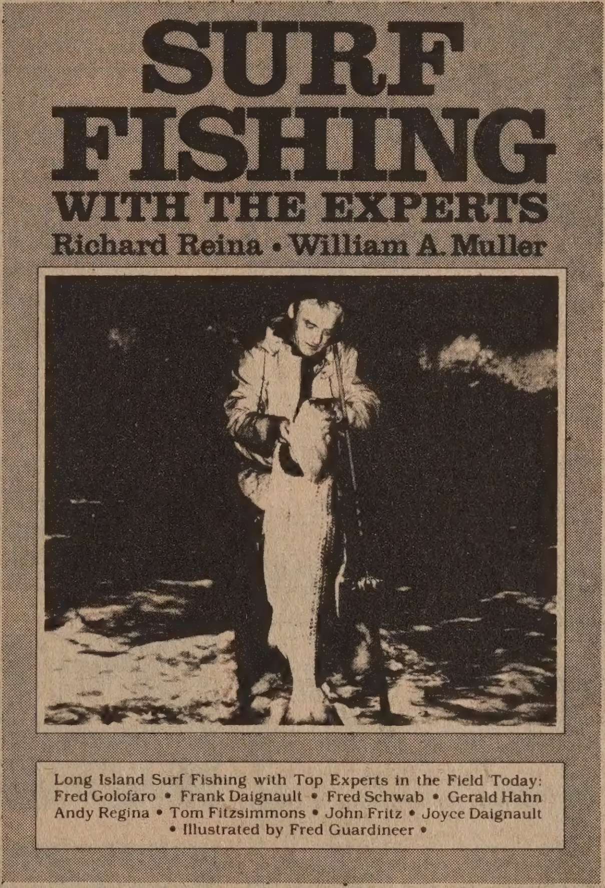
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fares averaging 15 to 25 fish a man. High hooks both days were in the 30s and pools in the 1½ lb. class. Best action has been inside the Navesink River in Jersey on mussels and worms, both tides working. Sunny and Jimmy of Kingston, NY had 51 good keepers between them, while Jim Sullivan took the pool Sunday with a 2 lber. along with his 34 other flatties. Please note that the boat is now sailing every day at 7AM.

A call from the skipper of the **Pastime II** advised that he is starting his 2 flounder trip a day schedule starting Saturday, fishing seven days a week.

From Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** comes the good news of an excellent weekend's floundering, a dramatic change from the previous week. Those who worked at it had anywhere from 1/2 to 3/4 of a pail full of fish, with two-thirds being keepers. Quite a few 2 lbers. are being taken. Sunday's pool fish hit 3 lbs. 2 oz. on an accurate scale. The boat has been fishing the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers. All tidal stages have been productive, but things are best at the turns. The fish are hungry and are full of roe and milk. There are fish at every drop, said Butch and they're feeding. Even previously unproductive spots are now inhabited with feeding fish.

Over in **Staten Island**, Kevin at **Santo's Sports** told of very good flounder catches in Great Kills Harbor from the beach on flounder averaging one pound. They've been caught up to 2 lbs. and are hitting sand or blood worms.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Passable fishing weather finally brought out some of the flatfishing diehards over the weekend, and western sound scores were rather encouraging for the early season. The remainder of the north shore is only just getting started with very sketchy reports available.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** spoke of good flounder action along the New Rochelle, Mamaroneck and Rye shorelines. On nice days Glen Island was also worth

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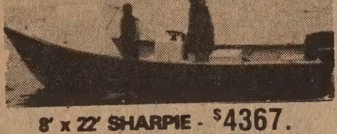

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trying. Private boats haven't been heard from often, but shoreline anglers were out on Saturday. The **Klondike VIII** is expected up from Florida shortly, and scuttlebutt has it that the initial trips will be scheduled within a week.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** has begun launching boats and is ready for good local action around the Lagoon area. Fish are good sized in the shallow 10' areas with bloodworms, sandworms and mussel chum the logical choices. The City Island party boats have been working up in Oyster Bay where they can get into an area on the day after the dredges have stirred the bottom. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** said that catches of more than 40 flatties per angler are the norm and that the average fish is about ½ pound. Although there are a lot of throwbacks, one pounders are occasionally taken and there are many fish in the ¾ pound class. Fish are in 15-30' of water and the crowds thus far have been light. Dom, Jr. called in to report high hook on Saturday aboard the Apache was Jerry Becker who had 74 flounder between ½ and 1½ pounds. Vin Swager totaled 70. Sunday's high hook was 51.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sports Shop** reported nice fish in the shallow area around Pryble Pier with Dosoris Pond also producing. Moving water has also stimulated flatties in Bayville

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Creek. Although worms are the standard fare for the flatties, Dave likes Gator Bait this season as well. This synthetic bait seems to catch as well as the natural stuff.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar of **Huntington Prop** called to tell us taht Duck Harbor and Cold Spring Harbor were producing the first flatfish on sandworms and mussel chum. Most of the anglers off the Northport Dock on Saturday were working high water. George Valentine at **Four Winds** said that Lloyds Harbor was also good. In fact, all the local traditional early spring spots are producing in 6-15' of water. A typical catch of 50-60 fish will include 15 keepers.

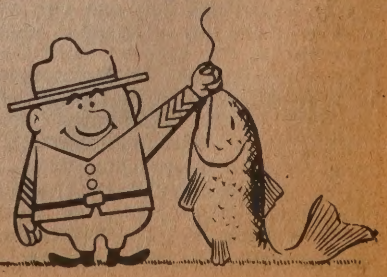
Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** said that all the kids off the Town Dock had fish over the weekend and that inshore action is better now than it will be a couple of weeks from now. The Lilco power plant discharge has plenty of 18-20 inch bass, but Bowman reminds all the youngsters fishing there that the season on stripers is closed until April 15.

Jay at **Sutler's** in **Port Jefferson** said that fishing is not bad in the area but that the fisehrmen themselves are few. The Town Docks and Cedar Beach are worth trying. Sutler's has all types of bait and chum and the shop is open full time from this weekend on with 6AM to 5PM hours on Sundays.

NORTH FORK

The North Fork is still sleeping according to what little information was available. The **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** will commence their flounder trips this weekend and John Rainis is looking forward to his forst trips on the **Blue Albatross** as well. Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** saw a few diehards out on Satuday with a catch of 30 mixed flatties reported up in the Greenport area.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** told us that boats and bait are ready but that the western Peconic waters have yet to be probed by anglers. Dragging activity has also been reduced in the past week, so that a good shot by sportfishermen should be in the offering.



High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	5:50	6:15	6:50	7:05	6:35	7:00	7:30	7:55	10:05	10:20	9:20	9:40	5:45	6:00	3/29
FRI.	6:30	6:55	7:25	7:40	7:15	7:35	8:05	8:25	10:45	10:55	10:00	10:15	6:25	6:40	3/30
SAT.	7:10	7:45	8:00	8:15	7:50	8:10	8:45	9:00	11:15	11:20	10:35	10:50	7:00	7:20	3/31
SUN.	7:45	8:00	8:35	8:45	8:25	8:40	9:15	9:30	11:35	11:25	11:10	11:25	7:40	7:55	4/1
MON.	8:20	8:30	9:10	9:20	9:00	9:10	9:50	10:05	11:45	11:50	11:45	11:55	8:15	8:35	4/2
TUES.	8:55	9:05	9:40	9:55	9:30	9:40	10:25	10:40	–	12:15	–	12:20	8:55	9:10	4/3
WED.	9:30	9:40	10:20	10:35	10:00	10:05	11:05	11:15	12:20	12:45	12:30	12:55	9:30	9:50	4/4
THURS.	10:10	10:20	10:55	11:15	10:30	10:45	11:45	11:55	12:55	1:25	1:05	1:40	10:10	10:30	4/5

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	3/29	5:49	6:23
FRI.	3/30	5:47	6:24
SAT.	3/31	5:45	6:25
SUN.	4/1	5:43	6:26
MON.	4/2	5:42	6:27
TUE.	4/3	5:39	6:28
WED.	4/4	5:37	6:29

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	3/29	4:54AM	3:37PM
FRI.	3/30	5:18AM	4:37PM
SAT.	3/31	5:41AM	5:36PM
SUN.	4/1	6:02AM	6:36PM
MON.	4/2	6:25AM	7:37PM
TUE.	4/3	6:48AM	8:39PM
WED.	4/4	7:15AM	9:43PM

Moon Phases

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4/1	4/9	4/15	4/23

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	**Major**	Minor	**Major**
Thurs.	2:45	**8:50**	3:00	**9:10**
Fri.	3:25	**9:25**	3:35	**9:50**
Sat.	4:05	**10:05**	4:15	**10:25**
Sun.	4:40	**10:40**	4:50	**11:00**
Mon.	5:15	**11:25**	5:35	**11:45**
Tues.	6:00	**–**	6:25	**12:10**
Wed.	6:45	**12:35**	7:15	**1:00**
Thurs.	7:35	**1:25**	8:05	**1:50**

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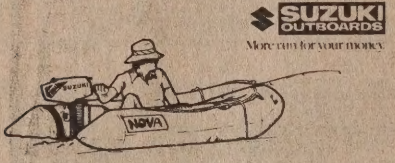

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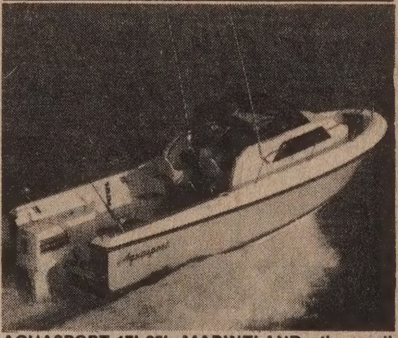

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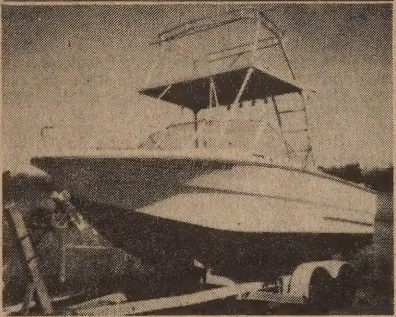

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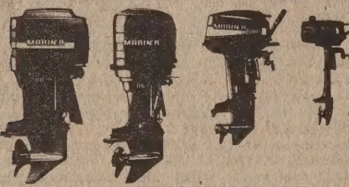

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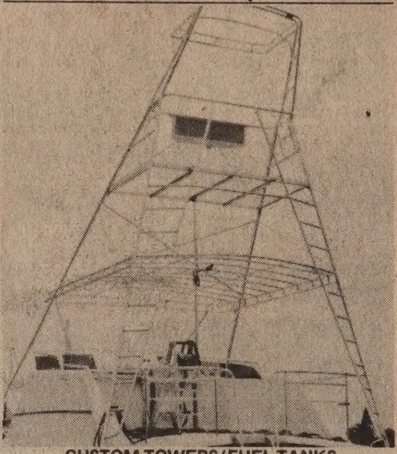

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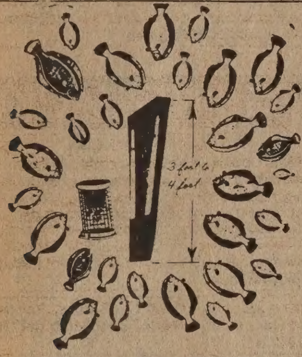

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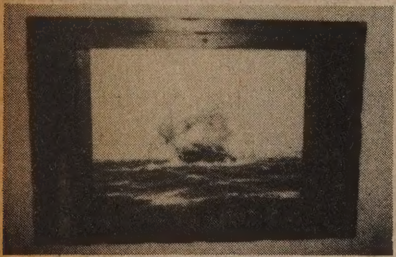

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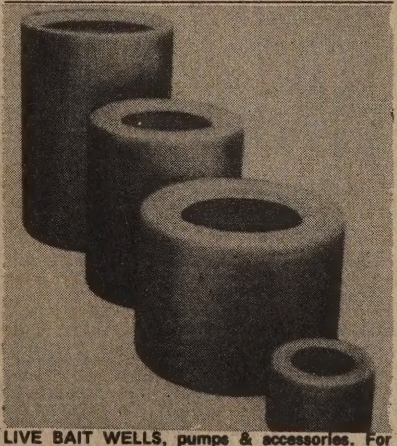

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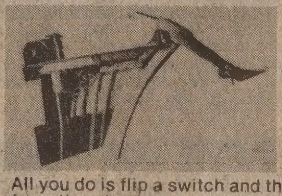

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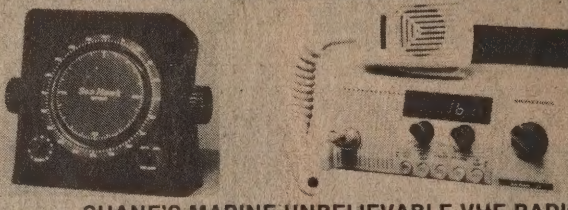

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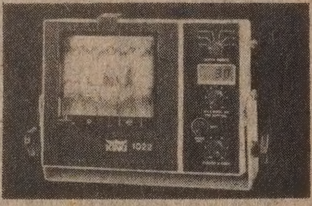

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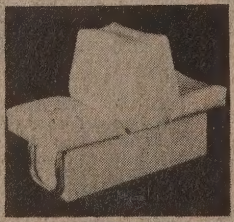

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